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ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IN KWANGTUNG.

NEW THREAT TO HANKOW.

The most sensational news in connexion with the China situation to-day is a statement by the National News Agency that 50,000 rifles and 300 Russian officers are proceeding from Vladivostok to Canton, whilst Chinese Communist leaders are flocking to Canton from their refuges. Kwangtung, says this report, has been chosen as the base for a Communist revolution, but the Nationalist leaders are taking strong measures to nip the plan in the bud. As this report emanates from anti-Communist quarters, it should be accepted with reserve.

Meanwhile, the Kuomintang preliminary conference has again met in Shanghai, those present including Mr. Wang Ching-wei and other Canton delegates. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is said to have mediated and arranged the meeting, the proceedings at which have not been disclosed.

General Chen Chien is evidently seeking to gain control of the Hankow area. His Sixth Army is said to have captured Yochow and to be advancing rapidly on Changsha.

In spite of yesterday's hopes of a settlement, the Shanghai tram strike continues, and even the skeleton service has now been suspended.

KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE RESUMES.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

The official Nationalist News Agency states that, according to confidential reports, 50,000 rifles and 300 Russian officers are leaving Vladivostok for Canton, while the Chinese Communist leaders are flocking to Canton from their refuges.

Posters in Canton appeal to the people to oppose the excommunication of the Communists, "which is a policy imperilling the Kuomintang."

The Nationalist News Agency adds that Kwangtung has been chosen as the base for a Communist revolution, for the purpose of the destruction of the anti-Communist Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government, but the Nationalist leaders are alive to the dangers of the situation, and will take strong measures to nip the pernicious plan in the bud.—*Reuter.*

KUOMINTANG MEETING.

Chiang Kai-shek Mediates.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. The Kuomintang preliminary conference met again this afternoon, with 29 members attending, including Mr. Wang Ching-wei and other Canton delegates.

It is understood that the meeting was arranged through Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's mediation. The next meeting will be held on Saturday. There are no details as to what has occurred at to-day's meeting.—*Reuter.*

CHEN CHIEN'S AIM.

Yochow City Captured.

Hankow, Dec. 8. General Chen Chien's determination to gain complete control of the Hankow area is reflected in a sudden move carried out by his Sixth Army yesterday, resulting in the capture of Yochow, an important point on the railway.

The Army is moving on Changsha and advancing rapidly. It is expected that the city will fall into Chen Chien's hands in a few days.

The Sixth Army is that which was responsible for the Nanking affair, and though they have been quiet in Hankow, are reported to be the worst-behaved troops in the Nationalist command.—*Naval Wireless.*

TUNGTING LAKE.

Better Shipping Conditions.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Reports from the Yangtze indicate that conditions for British shipping in Tungting Lake are much more satisfactory, and services are likely to be resumed shortly.—*Naval Wireless.*

WUCHOW ALARMED.

Troop Withdrawals.

News brought down by passengers from Wuchow shows that the town has recently been in an uproar. As some of the Canton sympathisers put it, at the mention of the name of Chang Fat-kwai, "the Kwangsi soldiers' knees became weak." During the earlier part of the week, all business was at a standstill, and only one idea seems to have taken possession of the people, and that is to get away.

All public officials seem bent on getting to places of safety. The s.s. Kongning, on its last trip to Hongkong, had a full passenger list, there being hardly standing room for late arrivals. Some foreigners from the Arsenal came down to the boat as soon as it arrived, being prepared to seek shelter under British protection, but they finally decided to remain behind when they found that none of the other foreigners were leaving.

The Wuchow branch of the Kwangsi Bank has suspended business and there was a great "run" on it when this was learned. Soldiers were commandeering coolies throughout the town, and people seem to be rushing in and out of the alleys in terror. The Kwangsi troops are mostly being withdrawn, but some are working on the fortifications.

The general belief seems to be that General Wong Shao-hung does not possess enough seasoned troops to risk an encounter and is withdrawing to get time to secure some assistance from his allies.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE.

Victim May Die.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Following on the shooting outrage, the victim of which is not expected to survive, the skeleton tram service ceased this morning.—*Reuter.*

No Settlement.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. The Korean belief seems to be that progress towards a settlement of the strike is yet reported.—*Naval Wireless.*

KIANGWAN RIOTING.

Plundering and Massacre.

A serious riot in which Communists took a leading part occurred at Cha Chen village, Kiangwan, last week, according to a report published in the *Shanghai Mainichi*.

The village is said to have been plundered and burned down by a crowd of approximately 100 rioters.—*(Continued on Page 15.)*

LALOR DETAINED.

BANDITS WANT MORE RANSOM.

MR. TOCHER LOCATED.

Though the prospect of the early release of Capt. W. G. Lalor, the master of the s.s. Slang Tan, who has been in bandit hands for over a week, is now slighter than ever, reassuring news throwing light on the mysterious silence of Mr. Forbes Tocher, his would-be rescuer, who left Palyang with \$20,000 ransom money and apparently disappeared, is available this morning.

The naval authorities engaged in a vigorous search for the missing missionary yesterday, but though from the brief messages received it would seem direct touch was not established, the fears that he had fallen into a trap set by the bandit chief appear unfounded. More disquieting, however, is the reliable information that the bandits have made another rapid

HEROIC CONSTABLE.

Subscription List for Dependents.

A reader has forwarded to the *Telegraph* a sum of \$100 with which to open a Subscription List on behalf of the widow and children of the Chinese constable who on Wednesday lost his life whilst bravely endeavouring to capture an armed desperado.

Further references to the opening of the Subscription List will be found on Page 6.

move across country with Capt. Lalor held a close prisoner, and that they have now hidden themselves in the Shansi area, at the same time holding out for a bigger amount as ransom money.

The negotiations are now being carried out by agents of the bandit chief, and Mr. Tocher's silence appears to have been consequent on his following up the bandit flight to some extent in order to maintain close touch.

Mr. Tocher's Effort.

Shanghai, Dec. 9. A message from Ichang shows that there is a definite hitch in the arrangements for the release of Capt. W. G. Lalor.

Mr. Forbes Tocher, the Scottish missionary who is acting as intermediary, proceeded in a launch to the agreed rendezvous only to find on arrival that Capt. Lalor was not being produced, and that the bandits had again removed their captive, this time further inland, with indications that they intend to hold out for more money.

Messages left by Mr. Tocher suggest that he does not think Capt. Lalor has been, or will be, ill-treated.

No naval escort accompanied Mr. Tocher to the appointed rendezvous. His only companions were Chinese intermediary agents.—*Reuter.*

London, Dec. 8. Hopes that Captain Lalor of the Yangtze steamer *Slang Tan*, who was captured a week ago by Chinese pirates, would be released yesterday were not fulfilled. The Scottish missionary Mr. Forbes Tocher, who has acted as an intermediary, went as arranged in a launch to Palyang, where two unarmed pirates were embarked, and then proceeded to the rendezvous a few miles distant where Captain Lalor was to have been handed over. Captain Lalor and his captors did not appear, but it is hoped his release will be effected in the near future.—*British Wireless.*

A NEW BRITISH CRUISER.

COMMISSIONING OF THE CUMBERLAND.

London, Dec. 8. The new 10,000-ton cruiser *Cumberland* was commissioned to-day. It carries eight 8-inch guns.

PREMIUM BOND ISSUE PROPOSED.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY SCHEME ANNOUNCED.

CONTRIVERSY PROBABLE.

London, Dec. 8.

A proposal to issue premium bonds as a means of raising money for the State on advantageous terms, has been made, and Conservative members of the House of Commons are being circulated on the subject.

The circular is signed by Colonel Grelton and Sir Frank Nelson, chairman and secretary of the Conservative economic group, and it asks for the views of members on the proposal.

The scheme has been worked out, and it is contended that by the introduction of the element of chance, with substantial money prizes, large sums could be raised by the Government at two or two and a half per cent. interest.

Representations may be made to the Government early next session, if the opinions expressed are favourable.

It may be recalled, however, that Mr. Baldwin has already expressed his disbelief that such a method of raising revenue would be generally acceptable. Any such proposal would, indeed, undoubtedly be the subject of acute controversy.—*British Wireless.*

MR. COOLIDGE'S PLEA ANSWERED.

VIEW OF BRITISH CABINET MEMBERS.

London, Dec. 8.

Two references to President Coolidge's message to Congress were made by Cabinet members at different functions to-night.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks said he did not complain of a single syllable in the message, but he said to the President and the people of the United States, "a declaration good for you is equally good for Great Britain." He contended that Britain was also entitled to do what she considered right, without reference to the demands or wishes of other nations. Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks added that he considered safety first, and economy second.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman said he was the last person to criticise President Coolidge's message. Mr. Coolidge had said that the Americans would do what was necessary for their own defence. Mr. Bridgeman declared, "That is exactly the proposition I submitted to the plenary conference at Geneva." He strongly deprecated any "war talk."—*Reuter.*

SOVIET INTRIGUE DENOUNCED.

AN EXPOSURE IN SWEDEN.

Stockholm, Dec. 8. The newspapers state that the Soviet Legation has tried to suborn the servants of the Italian and British Legations, but a Swede who acted as go-between has exposed the plans.

The Labour daily, paper, the *Social Demokraten*, joins the non-Socialist organs in urging the Soviet, if it desires friendly relations with Sweden, to ensure that its representatives are not compromised in espionage affairs.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CAUTION.

STEEL MAGNATES CONSERVE PROFITS.

Berlin, Dec. 8. One of the directors of the German steel trust announced that the trust is unable to pay a high dividend owing to unsatisfactory results in coal mining, and expected large expenditure in connexion with the impending settlement with the workers.

Krupps have also passed by a dividend, and have reserved their profits for unforeseen expenditure.—*Reuter.*

SENT FOR TRIAL.

INDIAN CHAUFFEUR COMMITTED.

"UNSATISFACTORY" EVIDENCE

The case in which Sandi Khan, the driver of Mr. C. Bernard Brown's car, is charged with manslaughter in connexion with an accident in which a young Chinese woman was killed and three other Chinese injured, was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning.

In proposing the re-examination of Sergeant B.17 and two other witnesses, Inspector Alexander said it was not clear whether the deceased was found in the middle of the road or at one side of it. His Worship said three different witnesses had given three different places where the woman was found lying.

Indian Sergeant B.17, on being recalled, was not asked to give the approximate distance, but was tied down to a matter of yards. After pressing examination, he replied that he saw the woman lying five or six yards from the side-channel.

On the other hand, Inspector Alexander, in his own evidence, said that when he examined the area of the accident, he found a pool of blood about 18 feet from the footpath. A lamp-post in the same area showed no marks of a collision.

As to defendant's record, he had been driving for six years, was a fairly good, and, so far as witness knew, a careful driver as well. The man's record was a pretty good one. The car involved in the case was a Buick five-seater, belonging to Mr. C. Bernard Brown, by whom the defendant had been employed since June last.

Injured Man's Evidence.

Li Kit, a shroff employed at Messrs. Campbell Moore's hair-dressing establishment, who was one of the persons injured in the accident, was also recalled. He stated that the body was lying three feet from the side-channel. Although he did not observe the act, he agreed that it was possible that the woman might have darted out on the roadway in an endeavour to dodge the car.

The Sikh Inspector who explained the charge to the defendant at the Police Station, then read a statement made by the defendant in which defendant said that he was taking his car on the night in question back to the garage, when, at Connaught Road West, he collided with two Chinese, one of whom, a woman, "went under the car." Following the accident, he was going to stop, but was dissuaded by Noor Mahomed, an Indian constable who was seated in the car with him. Noor Mahomed said it would be dangerous to stop as the Chinese would surely attack them. One of the crowd actually struck the car with a bamboo pole on it being driven away.

Address for the Defence.

This closed the case for the prosecution. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Esq., in his closing address, after recounting the three different heads under which a manslaughter charge could be brought, said that they were concerned with the last one, touching culpable negligence on the part of a man while vested with a legal duty.

The evidence was of such a flimsy nature, the witnesses for the prosecution having all disagreed on the most important point, that if his Worship was in the position of a juror, and had the direction of the jury in his hands, his Worship could hardly have directed them, on such evidence as was admissible into the case, to return a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant, but would have agreed that a verdict of death through misadventure was more compatible with the circumstances. Finally, Mr. d'Almada submitted that no *prima facie* case was made out for the commitment of the defendant.

Magistrate's Comments.

His Worship said that in this case they had the evidence of four different people, being knocked down one after the other, within a distance of 120 feet from point to point, and on that fact alone

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BANDITS HOLD UP MISSIONARIES.

AMERICANS' EXPERIENCES NEAR WAICHOW.

AN INTERRUPTED TRIP.

Information has just reached Hongkong of an experience which befel two American missionaries when they encountered a gang of bandits whilst on the way from Waichow, in the East River district, to Swatow, causing them eventually to return to their starting-point.

The missionaries concerned were the Revs. C. C. Chandler (of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, Shanghai) and J. P. Anderson (of Waichow). Riding ponies, and accompanied by four mules laden with baggage, the two missionaries left Waichow, but on reaching Hsien-yuen they halted because of rumours of bandits in the vicinity. Later, they heard that the bandits had moved away from the district, and the missionaries set out to resume their journey.

THE WOUNDED POLICE.

Latest Bulletin From Hospital.

At one o'clock this afternoon, we were informed by the Surgeon at the Government Civil Hospital that Sergeant McMahon had spent a good night. He has not got over the critical point, but his condition this morning was very encouraging, and gave cause for renewed hope of his ultimate recovery. Regarding the two Chinese constables, their condition is unchanged from its dangerous stage.

The Indian constable who was shot in the thigh is doing well while the alleged robber, who was shot in the leg and back, is recovering.

When several miles above Hoyuen, they were started by the sound of a rifle shot, and they soon saw that one of their mules had been hit. The missionaries then jumped off their ponies and got behind the animals for shelter. In a very short time, about forty bandits rushed down on them, and these split up into two parties and began searching the missionaries.

One of the missionaries, however, managed to slip his watch down inside his trousers, whilst the other succeeded in secreting some banknotes which he had with him. The bandits eventually got away with about \$200 worth of articles, including a pair of glasses belonging to one of their victims. They then disappeared.

Eventually, the robbed missionaries thought it imprudent to continue their journey further, and they later returned to Waichow in safety.

DETAILS OF SINGAPORE BASE.

HOW IT IS TO BE DEFENDED.

London, Dec. 8.

Details of the Singapore base are described in an article in the *Daily Telegraph* by a New Zealand woman who claims to be the first journalist shown over the base.

The base being constructed in the Straits of Johore will eventually consist of a dockyard, floating dock, tanks storing 1,250,000 tons of oil and a wireless station able to communicate with the Admiralty all day long. It will be defended by what are hoped will be impregnable fortifications situated on lofty islets, as well as seaplanes and aeroplanes, the latter to be housed six miles from the base and also separated by a wide river, which, however, is being bridged.

The writer points out that Singapore is the fourth largest port in the Empire and occupies a key position.—*Reuter.*

The K.O.S.B. carried out a march through the Western District yesterday, headed by the pipes and band, returning to quarters at noon. The line of march attracted many Chinese spectators, the appearance of the troops being decidedly impressive.

SHANGHAI NERVY.

ANXIETY OWING TO LAWLESSNESS.

AIMS OF AGITATORS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Nothing, perhaps, could furnish such an eloquent reflex of the jumpy condition of Shanghai's nerves as the mild commotion caused at a private social function the other day, when those present interrupted the progress of a card party on hearing the sonorous tones of what sounded like a huge gong. Everyone thought it was the dreaded tocsin sounding the general alarm, but on going out to investigate, "discovered" it was nothing more terrible than the new Custom House clock undergoing a test!

That little incident is symptomatic of the state of the public mind, which only a few weeks ago was feeling easier at the perceptible improvement in the situation, but latterly has been plunged afresh into a state of unrest owing to the sudden recrudescence of a spirit of lawlessness. The cult of kidnapping and armed robbery has secured a new lease of life, and the comparative immunity of the perpetrators from the rigours of the law have persuaded them to show a degree of recklessness rarely met with in the annals of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

It is a striking commentary on the situation that on the same day that Police Constable Francis, who fell a victim to an armed assassin's bullet, was buried with full military honours, another guardian of the law, Special Constable Ivanoff, was mortally wounded in an encounter with gunmen. The community naturally feels a sense of outrage at the growing lawlessness and is asking itself: Where is it going to stop? Coupled with the grave concern felt over the trend of things, is the growing conviction that every fresh police victim of lawlessness must embolden the outlaws into committing further and yet greater atrocities.

Chinese Roused to Action.

A ray of hope amid the prevailing gloom is forthcoming in the timely action of the allied Chinese merchants of Shanghai, who have put forward the interesting proposal to reward policemen active in the campaign against kidnappers and to provide adequate compensation in the event of injury or death.

With a directness of language not customarily associated with Chinese ways, local merchants are urged by the influential promoters of this scheme not to tittle about the few dollars, or the few thousand dollars, in accordance with their capacity to pay, which they are asked to contribute to the fund, which is tantamount to the community's insurance against the spread of outlawry.

The significance of the action of the Chinese merchants lies in the fact that it constitutes a tangible recognition of the police in coping with outlaws and indicates a willingness to discharge the community's debt to the police by something more than mere lip service and paeans of praise for the courage of policemen, who meet with death while engaged in the execution of their duties—praise which the widows of the victims cannot, however, discount at a bank.

It is with a view to providing special compensation for special risks taken that the fund is being created, and the foreign community is not a little gratified at the courage and initiative shown by their Chinese fellow-residents, who are at last beginning to appreciate that as between Chinese and foreigners, there is, after all, a oneness of interest that no amount of agitation can camouflage for any length of time.

The Assault On The Tramways.

The savage attack by labour gunmen on the motorman and conductor of a walking tramcar at Wayside, with its tragic sequel, has yielded one or two results which may be productive of lasting good to the community. First of all, it has conclusively shown those who regard guns as good persuaders, in the matter of stimulating strikes and industrial strife generally, that the tide of

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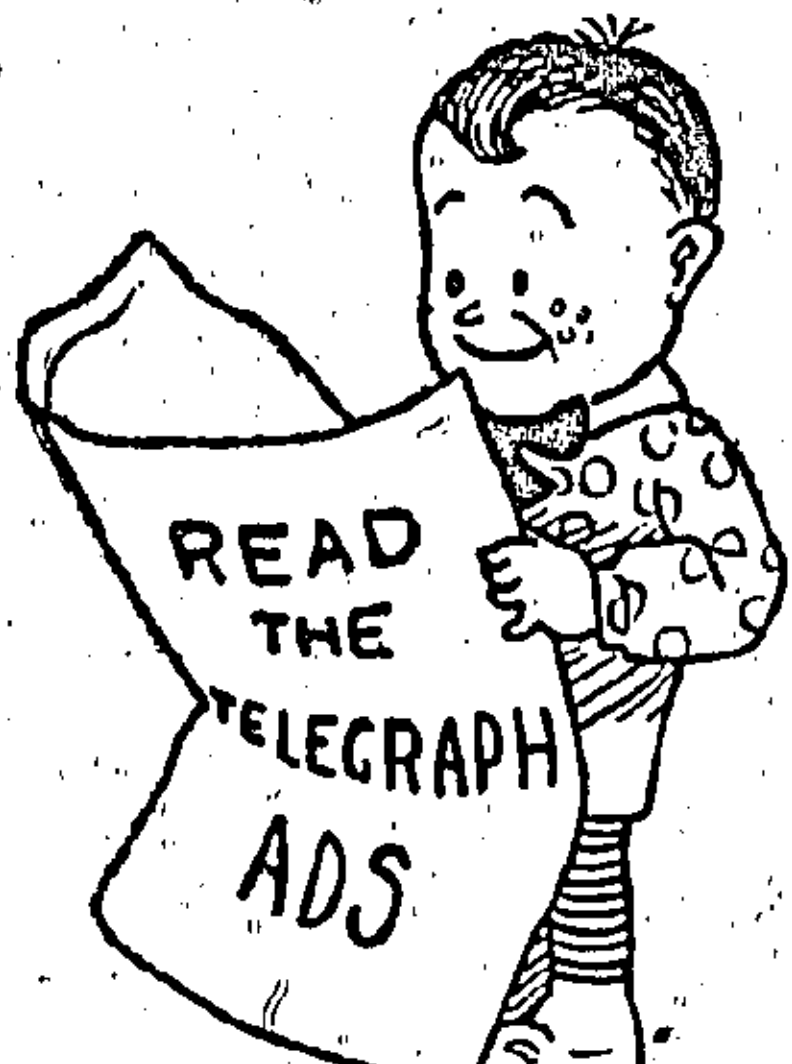
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VOTE OF CENSURE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 8.

The Labour Party's vote of censure arising out of the Prime Minister's attitude during the debate on the coal problem three weeks ago, when instead of replying personally to the Labour attack this task was entrusted to the President of the Board of Trade, was debated last night in the House of Commons and was rejected by 347 votes to 142.

The earlier debate was interrupted by Labour protests and four members were suspended but the debate last night was orderly and quiet. Mr. Baldwin defended his action and after pointing out the need of leaving to Ministers the technical questions with which they were fully acquainted, he expressed the view that the duties of leadership in the House of Commons were growing so fast that ultimately they would be beyond the capacity of one who was also Prime Minister. The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, later announced that the Government had decided to set up a small committee to assist unemployed workers in distressed areas to migrate to other districts where they might find work. The scheme would also include emigration to the Dominions.

It might be worth while to send a man for example to Canada when six months work was offered, with a guarantee to bring him back when he so desired.

Referring to the general outlook in the coal industry Sir Cunliffe Lister said that more coal was now being produced and more was exported, and more miners were employed than in 1925. Prices were low but combined selling arrangements would raise them and in the meantime low prices were enabling industry to recover its old markets.

General trade was improving and that was bound to help the coal industry. The Eight Hours Act had reduced the costs of production and less than a quarter of the reduction of costs had come off wages.—*British Wireless.*

EXCESS PROFITS.

FISH TRADE INVESTIGATED BY COUNCIL.

London, Dec. 8.

The Food Council which was set up two years ago to watch the interests of the public regarding the rise in the prices of food, have completed the examination of the fish trade which does not disclose any grounds for believing that excessive profits on an average are being made. The public taste in fish and changing conditions in the trade are contained in the Council's report, which notes that there is a far larger demand for the best quality of fish than before the war. The Council suggest that less known varieties should be purchased and to this more attractive names should be given to such fish as mackerels, whiting and catfish.

Fried fish shops, it is stated, dispose of more than a quarter of the fish landed. The sale of herrings by such shops is recommended in view of the fall in the consumption of this fish, which despite its 125 per cent increase in price compared with the pre-war price, is still the cheapest fish in the market.—*British Wireless.*

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

MR HUGHES DENIES HE IS A CANDIDATE.

New York, Dec. 8.

The former Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, has issued a statement denying he is a candidate for the Presidential nomination.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. FORREST'S LECTURE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I write these few lines to protest, on behalf of the many believing Christians in Hongkong, against the publication of articles which travesty what is most sacred to them: articles undertaken, as the writer himself admits of his first paper, without "adequate consideration" of the magnitude of the theme and, in the case of the second, "with many weaknesses in the paper, due in part to the urgency of time."

Mr. Forrest is too intelligent not to realize what he calls "the many weaknesses in his paper," but there is no hint at another "in part" cause of its weaknesses, namely that, as the scholar H. von Soden writes, any attempt to explain the rise of Christianity without a personal founder must "go to pieces on the reef of facts."

Perhaps one of the points which surprises us most in Mr. Forrest's paper is to be told that the "number of scholars" holding the myth view "is considerable and increasing." Surely, even without a bibliography before us, we should set higher store on modern scholarship than to fancy that what the distinguished Rationalist H. S. Chamberlain calls "childishness of judgment" should be a growing disease amongst thoughtful men. We should rather expect to be told that serious scholars are following the lead of Professor Harnack and his school and, in increasing numbers, are harking back to the early chronology of Christian tradition: the consequences are clear.—*Yours, etc.,*

GEORGE BYRNE, S. J.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

DIVISION BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Oslo, Dec. 8.

The *Aftenpost* understands that the Nobel Peace Prize will be divided between the French Professor Ferdinand Buisson and the German Professor Ludwig Quide. The former is the President of the League of the Rights of Man and the latter a well known pacifist.—*Reuter.*

PICKWICK PAPERS.

G.\$16,300 FOR COPY OF FIRST EDITION.

New York, Dec. 8.

A copy of the first edition of Dickens's "Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club" has been auctioned off for G.\$16,300. The previous highest price for a first edition is said to have been G.\$8,000, in England.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SINGAPORE DOCK.

ANOTHER SECTION LAUNCHED AT WALLSEND.

London, Dec. 8.

A further section of the Singapore dock has been launched at Wallsend. The remaining two sections of seven, in which the dock is being built, will be launched in a few days. The sections will then be tested and joined into two main parts for tow to Singapore.—*Reuter.*

Bombay, Dec. 8.

The Imperial Bank rate is six per cent.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY OFFICER.

London, Dec. 8.

The death occurred in London yesterday of General Sir Arthur Holland, Conservative Member of Parliament for Northampton, where at the last election he had small majority in a three cornered contest, over Miss Bondfield ex-member of the Labour Government. Sir Arthur Holland had a distinguished army career.—*British Wireless.*

[Sir Arthur Holland was born in April 1852 and entered the army in 1880. He was promoted to captain in 1888, major in 1893, lieutenant-colonel in 1905 and colonel in 1910. He served in the Burma campaign 1885-1889 and in the South African war, 1900-1901. In the war of 1914-1918 he served in Flanders and France and was mentioned in dispatches eight times. He was promoted to major-general and later to lieutenant-general for that service.]

SHANGHAI EXPLOSION.

FOUR COOLIES KILLED.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The explosion at the gunpowder factory at Lungwa this morning was heard over a wide area. Four coolies who were handling powder were killed and a dozen Chinese houses were wrecked.—*Reuter.*

DISASTROUS FIRE.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Calcutta, Dec. 8.

A fire broke out in a sugar shop last night and spread to an adjoining hut. Eighteen persons were incinerated.—*Reuter.*



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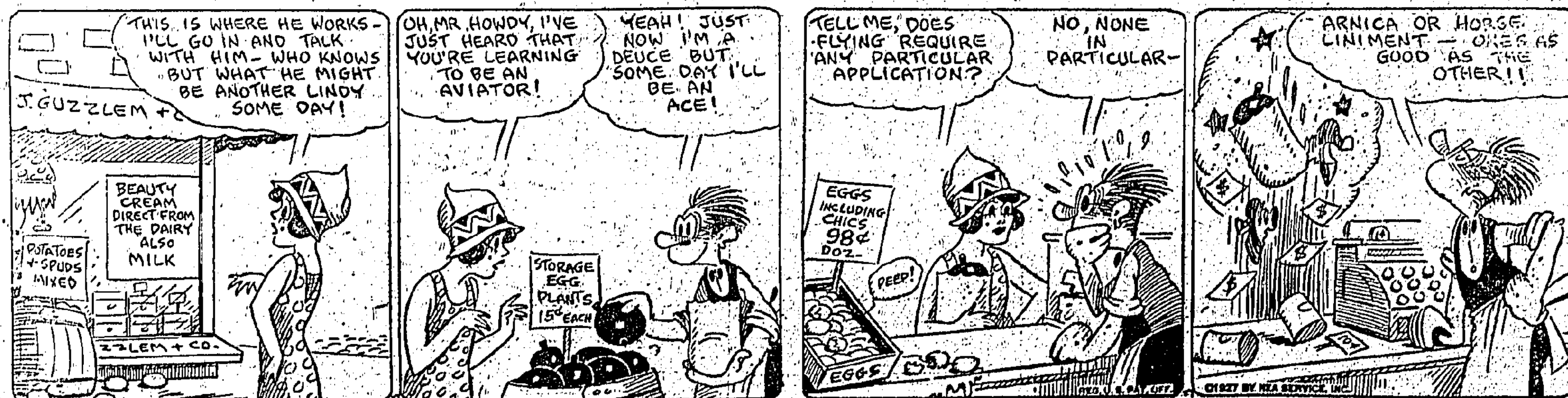
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WEDDING AT SHANGHAI SYNAGOGUE.—Group taken after the wedding at Ohel Rachel Synagogue, Shanghai, of Mr. Isaac Gartenstein, only son of the late Mr. A. Gartenstein and Mrs. Gartenstein, and Miss Clara Spielman, daughter of the late Mr. A. Spielman and Mrs. Spielman, of Shanghai.



KILLED BY ROBBERS.—Police Constable T. R. Francis who was shot dead by a Chinese bandit at Shanghai, recently.



LORD IVEAGH'S GIFT TO THE NATION.—"Miss Martindale" by Romney (after engraving), one of the pictures which have been bequeathed to the nation by Lord Iveagh. (Times copyright).



NEW POST.—Rear Admiral Henry J. Ziegemeier, U.S.N., of Washington, is the new commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago.



BURIED MAN RESCUED.—When Fred Leneau, well-digger, was trapped by a cave-in forty feet down a well at Worcester, Mass., police and firemen sank a parallel shaft and saved him after 30 hours' imprisonment. The rescue work, is shown in this picture.



NAVAL DELEGATE.—Mr. Hugh Gibson, who, as head of the American delegation at the Geneva naval parley, met British demands for a big cruiser force with a refusal to agree.



OUTSPOKEN.—The Rt. Rev. Ernest Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, was about to begin a sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral when Canon G. R. Bullock-Webster openly demanded that he be "cast from the church of God" because of his "heretical teachings."



BRITISH VISITOR.—Viscountess Bryce, widow of James Bryce, British historian, and John W. Davis, Democratic also ran-for-President in the last elections, upon the occasion of a luncheon in New York in honour of the Viscountess. She is head of the common interests committee of the English-Speaking Union of the British Empire, and Mr. Davis is head of the English-Speaking Union of the United States.



HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT.—The staff at the Lester Chinese Hospital, Shantung Road, Shanghai, taken on the occasion of the welcome to the new medical superintendent, Dr. J. L. H. Paterson (seated in the centre in the front row), and the farewell to Dr. H. Fowler who had been acting medical superintendent since Dr. Davenport's death.

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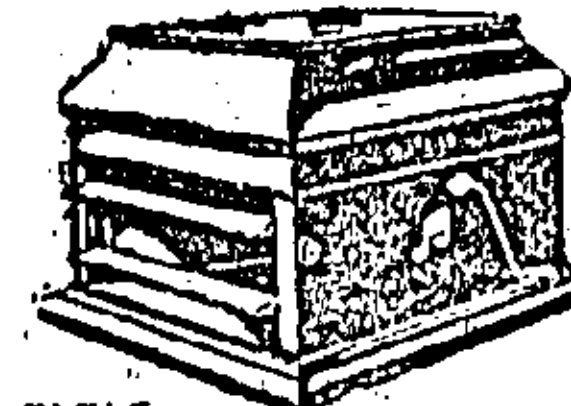
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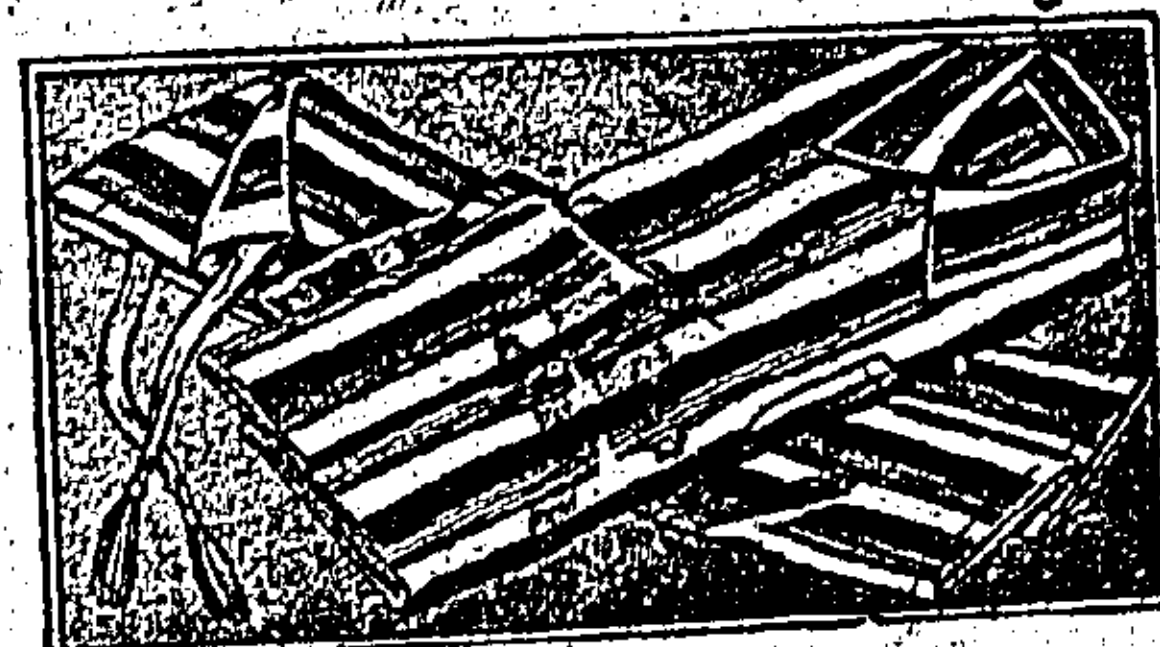
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With reference to the Notice to Shareholders of this Company dated 8th June, 1927, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 15th day of December, 1927, the General Managers and the Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 15th day of June 1928, and that the form of Bankers Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named thereon were 15th June, 1928.

For the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 8th December, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company, Room 26 Bank of Canton Building, announces that effective December 6th, 1927, Mr. A. L. Thomson has been appointed Acting District Agent succeeding Mr. H. S. Zumwalt who is leaving for home.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPANY, Managing Operators, OREGON ORIENTAL LINE, Hongkong, Dec. 6th, 1927.

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FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927.

(Weather Permitting). First Saddle Bell 12.30 p.m. First Race at 1.00 p.m., sharp. Public Enclosure 40 cents. Members Enclosure \$2.00.

Steamers to Macao.

Lungshan 8.30 a.m. Sunday, 11th December.

Sui An 9.30 a.m. Sunday 11th December.

Returning from Macao.

Sui An 3.30 p.m.

Lungshan 5.00 p.m.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 3, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday the 22nd day of December, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the directors for the year ended 30th September, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 10th December, 1927, until Thursday, the 22nd December, 1927, both days inclusive.

Shareholders intending to send in for registration Transfers of partly Paid "New" Shares are particularly requested to note that the liability to pay the Final Call of \$3 per share is not transferred to the transferee, and the Company will therefore require payment of the Final Call before registering a transfer of "New" Shares.

On all Final Calls paid in advance of the ultimately due date, the Company pays Interest half-yearly, i.e., to 31st December and 30th June, at the rate of Seven per cent. per annum from the date of payment of the Call until the date when the Call finally falls due.

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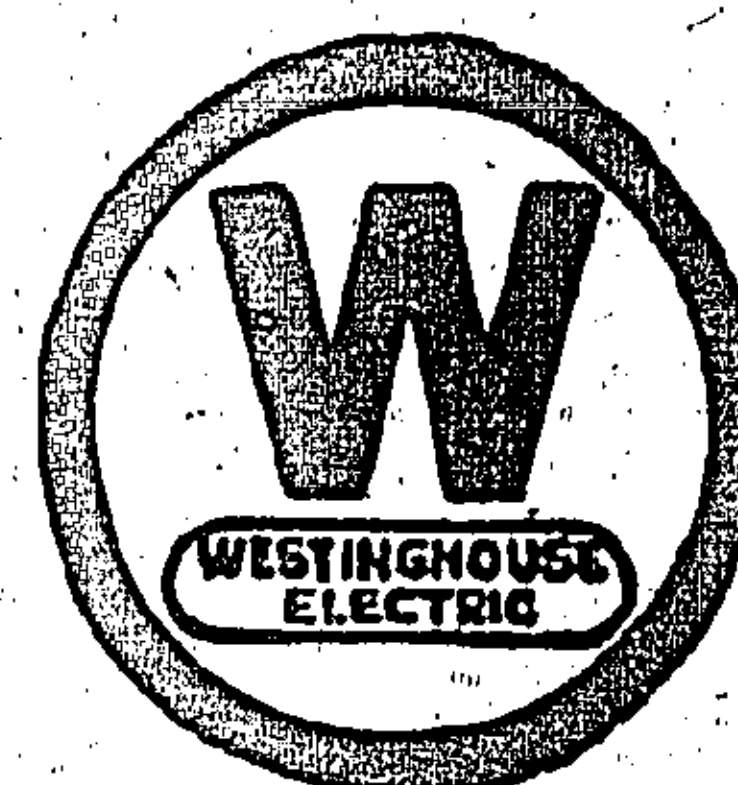
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	December 11.
Straits	Garmala	December 12.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	December 12.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sado Maru	December 12.
Shanghai	Diomed	December 13.
Straits	Memnon	December 13.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	December 15.
Suez and Straits	Antenor	December 16.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	December 17.
Shanghai	Machao	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Taft	December 17.
Japan	Tango Maru	December 20.
Manila	Holonus	December 20.
Suez and Straits	Pyrrhus	December 20.
Straits	City of Pekin	December 24.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 25.
Straits	Kamo Maru	December 26.
Shanghai	Patroclus	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	December 30.
Suez and Straits	Ision	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	December 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Samshui and Wuchow	Kwong Ying	Fri., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via	Morea	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Siberia	Sulyang	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Shanghai		
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhol and	Hanoi	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
*Haiphong	Chenan	Sat., Dec. 10, 11.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhol and *Haiphong		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Dec. 10.

Parcels 9th Dec. 4.30 p.m.
Registration 10th Dec. 9 a.m.
Letters 10th Dec. 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 9th Dec. 5 p.m.
Registration 10th Dec. 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10th Dec. 10.30 a.m.
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Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, *C. and *S. America and *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Siberia Maru	Sat., Dec. 10.
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Bangkok via Swatow		
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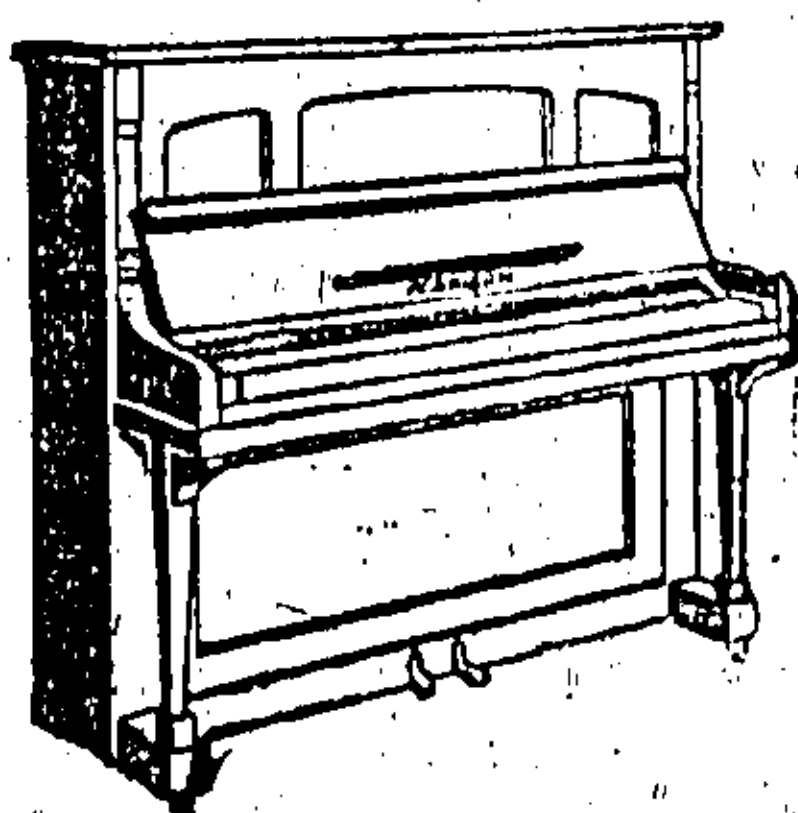
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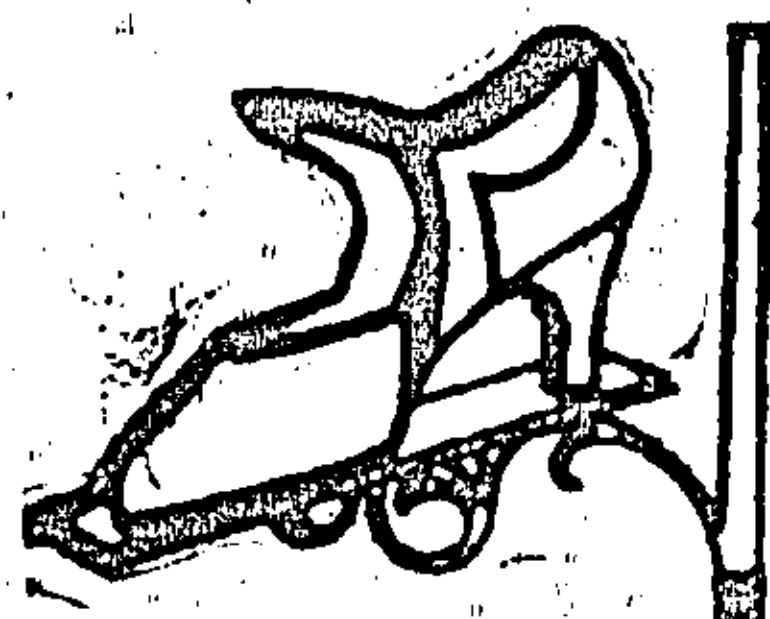
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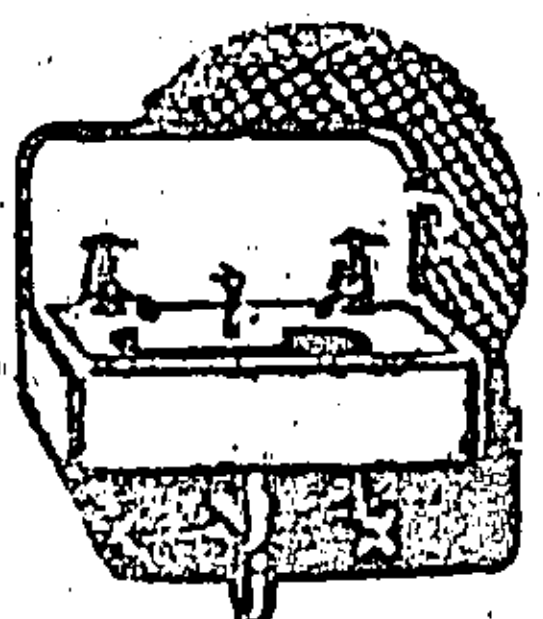
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GALLANT MARINE OFFICERS.

TO BE DECORATED ON WEDNESDAY.

Two gallant officers of the Mercantile Marine are to be honoured at an Investiture to be held at Government House on Wednesday afternoon next.

Mr. Thomas Parke Beatty will be invested with the insignia of Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.), in recognition of the gallant part he played in the Sunning piracy episode, and Mr. Andrew Duncan, who incidentally also featured prominently in the Sunning affair, will be invested with the Royal Humane Society's Medal for Life Saving, for attempting to save the life of Mr. John Griffiths, late second officer of the s.s. Changchow, in September last year. Mr. Griffiths fell into the Yangtze at 8.45 p.m., but in spite of the darkness and the swift running water, Mr. Duncan dived after him in a futile but courageous effort to rescue the unfortunate officer.

H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will hold the investiture at four o'clock, and will be accompanied by Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Major General C. C. Luard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Commodore J. L. Pearson.

Messrs. Beatty and Duncan will be introduced to His Excellency by Mr. N. S. Brown and Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole. His Excellency will address Mr. Beatty and invest him with the Insignia of the Order, and Mr. Beatty will then address Mr. Duncan and invest him with the Royal Humane Society's Medal, and Mr. Duncan will then retire.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN BENGAL.

WIDESPREAD NATURE OF EPIDEMIC.

Calcutta, Dec. 2. Cholera continues to sweep Bengal. It is estimated that the weekly cases number 6,000, and those unreported are probably treble that number. In one village alone 170 people died.

Forty inoculation centres have been opened in Calcutta. Doctors have been rushed to the province. There have been several European victims.

It is reported that the Dickens vogue is on the wane in Germany, and that he is not only passed over by young people buying books (in Germany young people do buy books, apparently), but is also "presented far less often on birthdays and at confirmations, by friends and relatives." This change does not indicate any anti-British feeling, for it seems that, among the Germans, Mr. Dickens has taken the place once held by Dickens. Does not the whole story suggest something a little uncomfortable? asks a *Manchester Guardian* writer. Can we think of any great foreign author who, in translation, would be likely to provide "birthday and confirmation gifts from friends and relatives" in this country nowadays? It is certainly very doubtful whether there is any first-class European writer who is read as the better (and some of the worse) of our writers are read in Germany or in Russia. Down to the end of last century there was still a very considerable demand for Tolstoy, for Dumas and Hugo; there were quite a number of good Balzacians; wise people, still later, spread the praises of Anatole France. And there were the Scandinavian fairy tales. But is one standard European novel in ten thousand given as a present to young people to-day?

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are, from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 8th, 1906: The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½/16d.

There was a revival of the anti-American boycott in Canton. The leaders of the movement suggested making China independent of foreign supplies.

The Viceroy of Canton signed a contract with Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. for the installation of a wireless station.

Mr. A. W. Slaton, manager of the New Connaught House Hotel, lost his life by falling overboard whilst on a trip from Hongkong to Haiphong.

Amongst contestants in local golf competitions were Mr. G. M. Harston, Mr. P. Tester and Mr. Paul Chater.

The Hongkong Typhoon Relief Fund totalled \$270,347.

Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Hongkong, announced his intention of taking a holiday in Java, following a serious illness.

From advertisements issued by various Hongkong firms we take the following prices:—Dress shirts, \$1 each; patent leather dancing shoes, \$5.50 per pair; English boots, \$12 per pair; Hennessy's Three Star brandy, \$21 per dozen bottles; Meot and Chandon's champagne, \$57 per dozen bottles; Johnny Walker whisky, \$12 per dozen bottles.

THE MORPHIA CASE.

DEFENCE STARTS NEXT WEEK.

J. Christie and C. Blum, who are jointly charged with undertaking to supply twenty kilos of morphia, were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning in order that the dates for the hearing of the defence could be fixed.

The Magistrate fixed the hearing for Monday and Tuesday afternoons the 12th and 13th of December.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, representing the two defendants, applied for leave for the defendants to proceed to Kowloon to procure some warmer clothing.

The police not objecting, Mr. Lindsell gave the necessary permission.

MAGISTRATE'S LOSS.

THIEF GETS AWAY WITH DRESS CLOTHES.

It is not very often that a Magistrate has to report a robbery to the police, but such an instance is recorded to-day, the victim being Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

In a report to the police, Mr. Lindsell states that while his car was left unattended near the Ferry Wharf, some person stole a rattan basket containing a dress suit, shirt, studs and cuff links, valued at \$150.

CASH ON DELIVERY FOR COTTON.

TO BE TRIED FOR A YEAR BY LIVERPOOL.

London, Dec. 8. The Liverpool Cotton Association has overwhelmingly passed a resolution to demand cash on delivery for cotton to spinners, for a trial period of twelve months. This decision will hamper many concerns, but it is stated that a number of cotton merchants have lost a lot of money lately. —*Reuter*.

"EYE SPECIALIST" FINED.

A QUACK BEFORE THE COURT.

A quack "eye specialist" doing business at No. 355, Stanley Street, styling himself as trained in European methods and claiming to be in possession of secret Western formulae for the healing of all types of diseases of the eyes, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with practising without proper qualifications and with misrepresenting himself to the public.

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charges were read out to him, but added that he considered himself a specialist.

Mr. Lindsell:—What? A specialist without qualifications?

Defendant made no reply.

Inspector Andrews informed his Worship that the defendant had caused pamphlets to be distributed in which he claimed that he had studied European methods and that he was "not a liar and a cheat."

Continuing, Inspector Andrews said that about eight years ago the defendant had been in the employ of Dr. Jordan and was discharged on account of his activities outside.

Defendant informed his Worship that when he was employed at the doctor's office he sometimes assisted the doctor.

Mr. Lindsell:—You call that studying Western methods?

Defendant:—I know of certain notions for eye sores.

Inspector Andrews then informed his Worship that a few days ago, a Chinese detective was sent to the defendant. The detective told the quack that he had eye trouble every morning, although in reality his eyesight was quite normal. After examining the detective's eyes the defendant announced that the disease was trachoma and that treatment, which would last over a period of two months, was necessary and indicated that his fees would be \$55.

The Magistrate fined the defendant \$100, or, in default, six weeks' hard labour.

BIG LONDON STORE BURGLED.

JEWELLERY AND VALUABLE FURS MISSING.

London, Nov. 21st.

The similarity of methods employed on each occasion leads Scotland Yard to believe that the burglars who raided the premises of Messrs. Derry and Toms (of the John Barker group), in Kensington High Street, during the week-end, were the same gang who entered Harrod's a year ago and Ponting's (also of the John Barker group) recently.

The robbers, forced the steel doors separating the departments and made for the jewellery and fur sections, where they carefully selected over \$1,000 worth of goods, helped themselves to new outfits in the men's department, fitted themselves in the toilet saloon, had a meal in the restaurant, then made off by the same back exit as was used in the case of the Ponting burglary.

It is surmised that the thieves hid themselves on the premises before closing time on Saturday.

WORLD'S LARGEST LINER.

CUNARD COMPANY'S PROPOSAL.

London, Nov. 24. The Cunard Steam Ship Company, Limited, is considering the construction of a new ship, which will be the world's largest liner. She is expected to have a tonnage of 60,000, and will be 1,000 feet long. The estimated cost is between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

"DON JUAN."

COLOURFUL PICTURE AT THE QUEEN'S.

The first showing of "Don Juan" at the Queen's Theatre yesterday drew large audiences, and there is every likelihood of the film continuing its popularity during the next two days.

It is a lengthy film, occupying the whole of the programme, and is noteworthy for its exceptionally strong cast, headed by John Barrymore. It deals with Rome in the days of the Borgias, and, as might be expected, the picture has been produced with lavish effects. The story itself, however, runs along conventional lines, culminating in the triumph of the hero and heroine and the failure of the machinations of their enemies.

Those who like impressive settings and plenty of thrills will get all they wish from witnessing "Don Juan," even although some of the incidents border on the impossible. A word must be said of the fine acting of John Barrymore in the title role, as well as of Estelle Taylor as Lucretia Borgia, Mary Astor as the heroine, Warner Oland as Caesar Borgia and Montagu Love as Donati. The photography throughout is also remarkably good, whilst the Queen's Orchestra under Director Grovini provides appropriate musical numbers.

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.

HEAD OF SINGAPORE FIRM CHARGED.

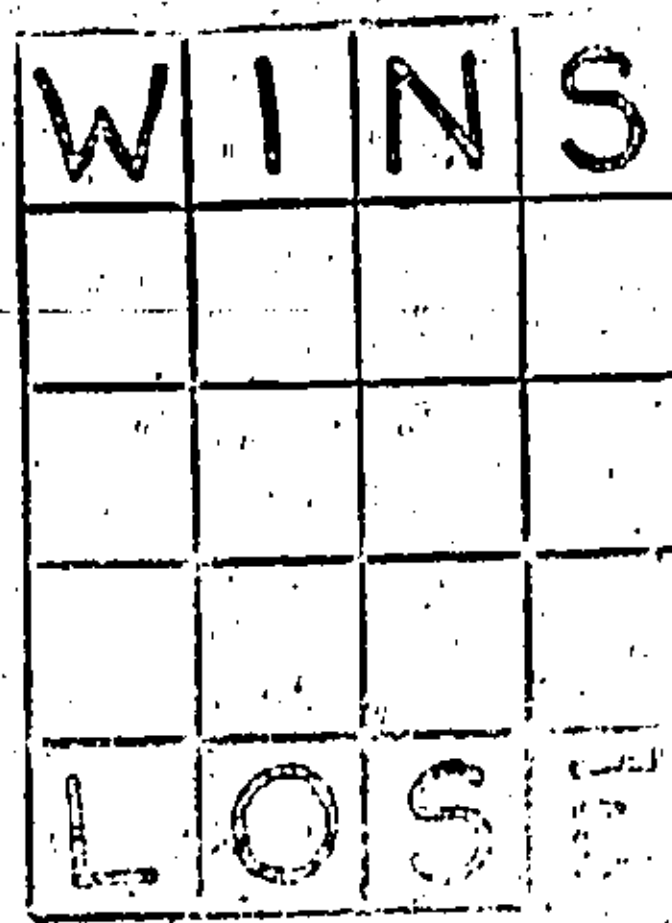
A case in which H. H. Maddill, manager, Moutrie and Co., Singapore, was charged in the Third Police Court on Nov. 25 with a criminal breach of trust as a servant in respect of \$1,774.05, \$1,350 and \$1,000, was mentioned before the District Judge, Mr. N. D. Mudie, last week, by Mr. J. C. Cobbett on behalf of the complainant company.

Mr. Cobbett stated he understood that only a very few minutes would suffice to complete the matter. He asked that the case be fixed for last Tuesday morning. The application was allowed and "accused" was remanded in custody.

"LETTER GOLF."

A FIFTY LITTLE FOUR.

Good puzzle workers will find this easy. But there may be a catch in it.



1.—The idea of letter-golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

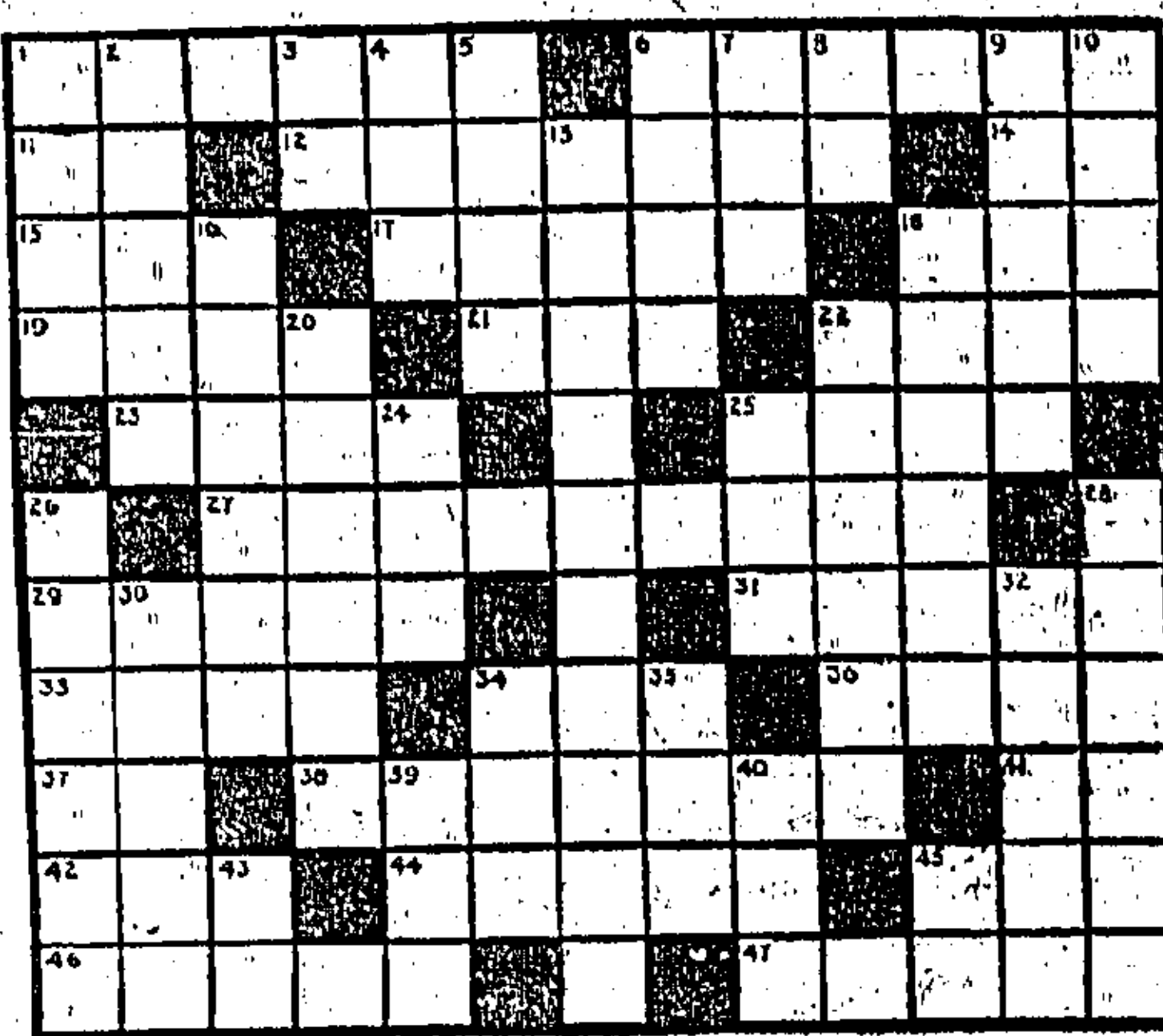
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 What sea is inclosed by Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Germany?
- 6 Who governed Holland after Louis Bonaparte abdicated?
- 11 Standard type measure.
- 12 What are figures of speech considered collectively?
- 14 Second note in scale.
- 15 To knock.
- 17 What is a dried plum?
- 18 Arabian sleeveless outer garment.
- 19 What deposits form an immense source of wealth in the state of Minnesota?
- 21 Self.
- 22 General term for mast, boom or gaff.
- 23 Opposite of a weather.
- 25 Thin.
- 27 Expiration.
- 29 Nicks.
- 31 Greyish-white.
- 33 Fashion.
- 34 What is the singular nominative case of the feminine pronoun?
- 36 Wild cat about the size of the domestic cat.
- 37 Within.
- 38 Rescinds.
- 41 Part of most common verb.
- 42 Point.
- 44 What is the opposite of the clergy?
- 45 To employ.
- 46 Cravat.
- 47 Artists' frame.

Down.

- 1 Who holds the women's record for a transcontinental air trip?
- 2 Large class of ground beetles.
- 3 Seventh note in scale.
- 4 A petty demon.
- 5 Anxiety.
- 6 Light open cotton fabric.

- 7 Before.
- 8 Near.
- 9 What Viennese artist has conceived and painted some of our most beautiful stage settings?
- 10 Close.
- 13 What fund sent Lindbergh on a tour for the promotion of aeronautics?
- 16 Of what country is Warsaw the capital?
- 18 Dispassion.
- 20 One who uses a type of bag for fishing.
- 22 What are the faculties of taste, smell, sight, touch and hearing called?
- 24 Aurora.
- 25 Meadow.
- 26 Concedes as true.
- 28 What type of paint gives a smooth, varnish-like surface?
- 30 What poetic foot has two long and two short syllables?
- 32 To rub out.
- 34 Mineral spring.
- 35 To devour.
- 39 Sprites.
- 40 What strong alkaline solution is secured by leaching wood-ashes?
- 43 Dard.
- 45 You and me.

Yesterday's Solution.

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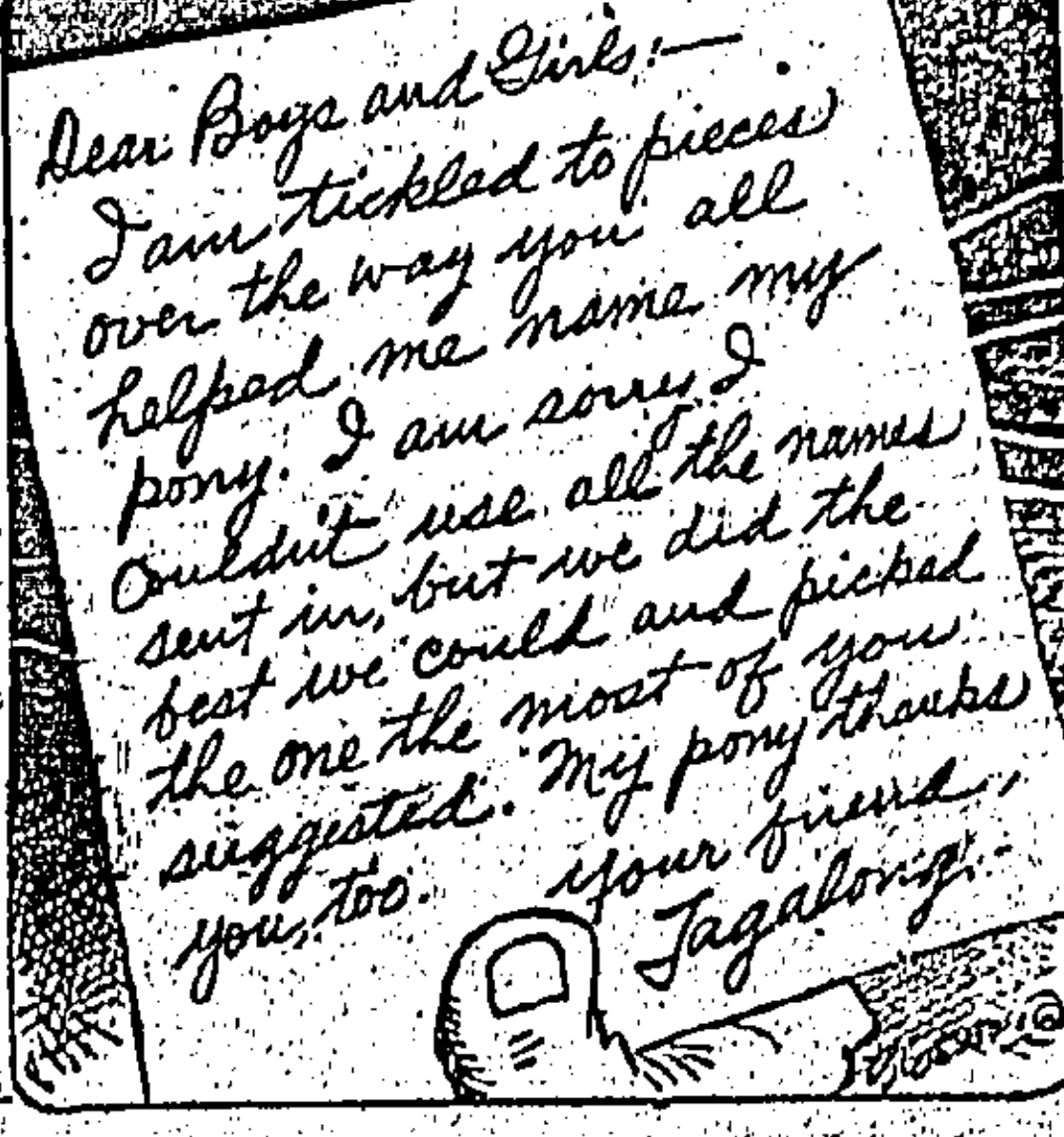
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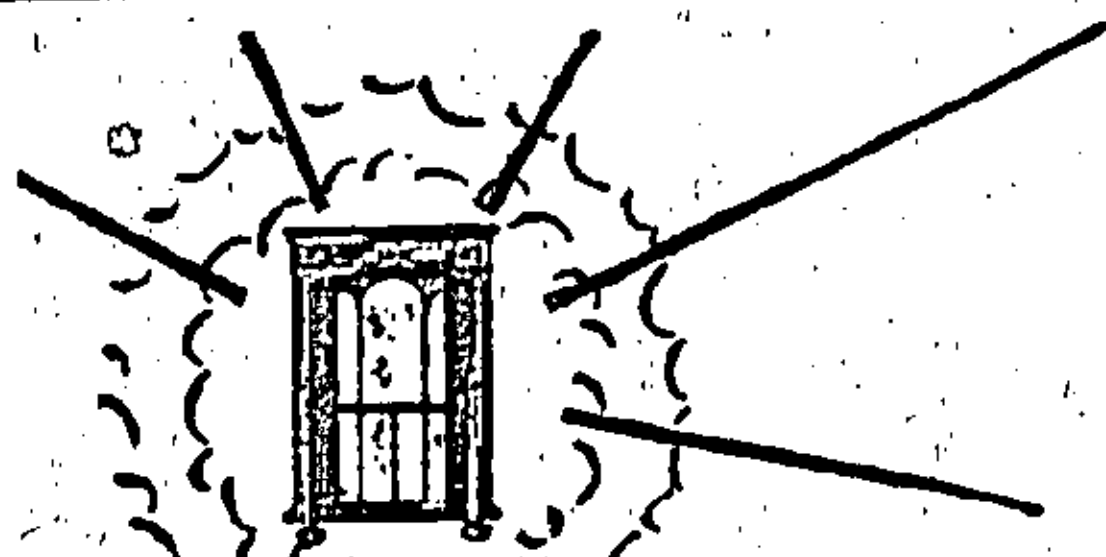
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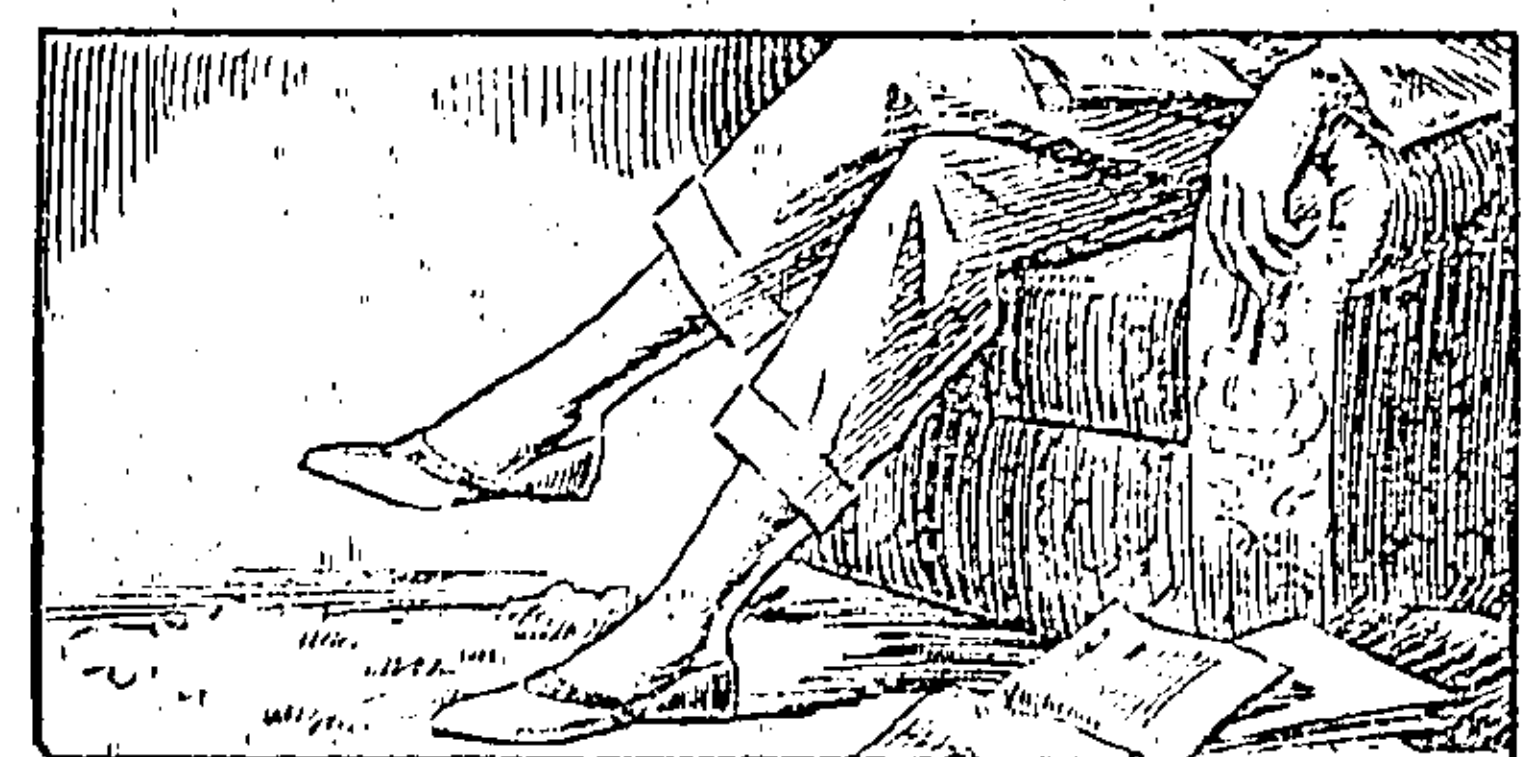


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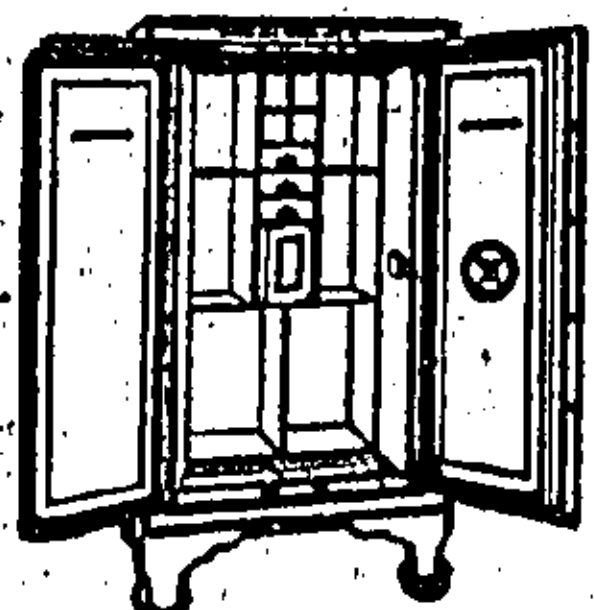
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TREATY REVISION.

It is satisfactory to learn, on the assurance of Mr. Locker Lampson, that Britain is watching developments in connexion with the revision of treaties between China and other Powers concerned. The talk of Treaty revision has been very insistent lately, and it must be conceded that most of the Powers have shown a disposition to regard the issue from a standpoint sympathetic towards the Chinese. Britain in particular has shown a spirit of conciliation, fully recognising that times have changed greatly since the majority of China's treaties with foreign nations were concluded. It is but natural that China should wish for a revision of her international agreements as they expire, but the point that needs stressing at present is that there is a right and a wrong way of attaining the desired end. Mere repudiation of expiring treaties is not sufficient; what is required is that due and proper notice of repudiation should be given, with reasonable steps taken in the interim to conclude new arrangements. After negotiations towards the end, the new treaties would automatically take the place of the old.

It has well been said that it is impossible to negotiate with chaos. That observation is particularly pertinent when we come to consider the matter now under notice. If treaties are to be revised, the Powers must obviously have some one with whom to negotiate. To-day there exists nowhere in China a Government exercising authority over any considerable area of the country. Thus, to enter into agreements with any of the several cliques calling themselves Governments would be to invite subsequent repudiation. The question of what is termed "regional recognition" may here be briefly mentioned, but as in the larger issue of dealing with any self-styled central authority, the prime necessity is that the negotiating party on China's side should be able to establish its real control over the area which it claims to rule. We all know the disastrous experiment which Britain, from the best possible motives, carried out with the Nationalists at Hankow. The Chen-O'Malley Agreement is to-day nothing but a dead letter, ex-

cepting that under its terms Britain has lost her Concession rights. The "Government" with which that Agreement was concluded no longer exists. That is the danger of negotiating with regional authorities during the present state of chaos in China.

If the existing Treaties are not to China's liking, then the remedy is in her own hands. But first things must come first. And the first step towards Treaty revision is the establishment of a sound and stable Government with whom negotiations can be entered into. When serious efforts are made in this direction, China will find that the Powers are as anxious as she is to move in the direction of reconstructing and remodelling the present treaties. But until that day comes, no country can be blamed if it declines to surrender its rights. If the Hankow catastrophe has done nothing else, it has at any rate demonstrated the dangers of negotiating on big issues with upstart politicians.

Piracy Suppression.

The question of British naval action against pirates in China waters has been revived, following recent instances of piratical attacks out here, and the questions asked in the House of Commons on Wednesday were no doubt partly inspired by the reports of Captain Loder's experience on the Yangtze. The questioner, a former resident of Hongkong, suggested that there should be more gunboats in commission on the China Station, for use particularly against pirates. There was also the suggestion for a British warship to be stationed permanently in Bias Bay. Neither of these plans is new, and both have been carefully examined by the authorities out here, and abandoned as not feasible. In both instances the question of expense is a paramount one. In the case of gunboats, it is not shown that additional craft of this type would make much difference. Apart from the expense of maintaining a continuous watch in Bias Bay, there is the matter of territorial waters, and related subjects. It is not fair, to say the least, that Britain should have the full responsibility for such patrols, and bear the additional heavy cost involved, in a matter that concerns all the nations trading out here, and the peaceful Chinese in particular. There is some negotiation at present in progress between various interested Powers on the subject of suppression of piracy in these waters, and until a definite plan is formulated and made public, it is premature to express views on the question, except that international action is urgently required, and would be better than the present policy of making the British authorities bear the brunt of everything. But the real remedy, as has repeatedly been emphasised, must lie with the Chinese themselves, and the day they have an administration capable of stamping out piratical activities will see the beginning of a new era on the China coast.

NEWS ITEMS FROM CANTON.

CHAIRMAN OF CHAMBER TO RESIGN.

A Canton report says that Mr. Chau Din-bong, the chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at Canton, has decided to resign.

To consider this step, a special meeting of the Chamber was held a few days ago, and it was decided that four representatives be sent to see Mr. Chau, and request him to continue his service with the Chamber.

But after interviewing the Chairman, the four representatives were of the opinion that Mr. Chau's decision was final. The Chamber has proposed that a new Chairman should be elected, and quite a number of names have been mentioned as possible candidates.

New Bank Building.

A sum of \$1,000,000 will be assigned by the Canton Government for the erection of a new building for the Central Bank at Canton.

This was the proposal made at the session of the Canton Government officials on Tuesday, the plea being that the present building concerned is not sufficiently spacious.

DAY BY DAY.

HE THAT IS TAUGHT TO LIVE UPON LITTLE, OWES MORE TO HIS FATHER'S WISDOM, THAN HE THAT HAS A GREAT DEAL LEFT HIM, DOES TO HIS FATHER'S CARE.—Pope.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of paratyphoid fever.

The Empress of Russia, from Manila, is due here on Monday afternoon and will berth at a buoy off Kowloon Dock.

A Madras message of November 23rd says Madame Sun Yat-sen has been invited to attend the Indian National Congress.

The British vessel Antung, arriving from Singapore and Amoy, reports the death of three passengers en route, from beri-beri.

A paper will be read before the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, this evening, at 8.45, by Mr. Hevey, on "Gas and Its Uses."

The motor vessel Delhi (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on the 6th December and is due here on or about the 13th January.

The Mantua, arriving from the north, reports having on board a number of troops travelling to England, together with a heavy shipment of ammunition.

A report was made to the police last night that a sum of \$120 was stolen during yesterday from the Hongkong Boarding House in Connaught Road Central.

About 350 students of the Whampoa Military Academy have arrived in Shanghai from Canton, the institution having been dissolved by Gen. Chang Kai-shek, the new dictator, who is said to be a Communist and for whose arrest an order has been issued by the Nanking Government for high treason.

A Chinese who expected to be Major C. Willson's court, at the Central Magistracy this morning, was promptly haled before the Magistrate and summarily fined \$4, or five days. He said he had come to court to listen to a case concerning a friend of his, and did not know he was not allowed to sit.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 13 departures, British vessels holding premier place, with five and six under the respective headings. With eight nationalities in the complete return, tonnage showed an increase, with Japanese carrying the bulk of freight. There were 68 vessels, in harbour at 9 a.m., of which 26 were British.

No fewer than 128 passengers disembarked from the P. and O. liner Morea, which arrived from Home this morning. Amongst these were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mycock, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ramsay, Col. and Mrs. McLaren, Mr. E. F. Mendham, Mr. G. T. Haslam, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. C. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. D. Timmins.

Each of the big pictures showing in the local cinema to-day has a famous star in the leading role. At the Queen's Theatre there is John Barrymore in "Don Juan" at the World Theatre, Harold Lloyd in "For Heaven's Sake", and at the Star Theatre Syd Chaplin in "Oh! What a Nurse". The orchestra plays in the World Theatre at 6.15 and at 9.20 and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15. The programme at the Star Theatre is continuous from 6.15 to 8.45 with a final performance at 9.20.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 8.
Paris	124
New York	488 7/16
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.27
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	25.27
Stockholm	18.08
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.24
Vienna	34.60 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	20.52 1/2
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	367 1/2
Bucharest	700
Rio	5 20/32
Buenos Aires	47 7/8
Bombay	1/16 1/16
Shanghai	2 1/4
Hongkong	2/0 3/8
Yokohama	1/10 9/16
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SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR WIDOW.

RESIDENT GIVES \$100.

An old resident of the Colony, who desires to remain anonymous, has forwarded to the Telegraph a sum of \$100 which he desires to be handed to the widow of Chinese Constable Wan Wong-chi who lost his life whilst bravely intercepting one of the armed robbers in Wednesday's shooting affair.

The generous donor of the \$100, in forwarding the money, states that he wishes this sum to be regarded as the first contribution towards a subscription on behalf of the bereaved widow, who is left with two small children. He says that, like many other residents, he has been deeply impressed by the courage and bravery of the deceased constable, who, although himself unarmed, did not hesitate to tackle a desperado who had already shot down other members of the Force. Such bravery, says the donor, is deserving of public recognition, especially as the deceased constable has left a widow and two children. He thinks that if a subscription list were opened it would be an easy matter to raise at least \$1,000 and feels sure that the foreign community would readily respond, adding that at the present juncture such an indication of foreign recognition of Chinese bravery would be most welcome.

In response to this gentleman's request, the Telegraph is quite willing to open a subscription list on behalf of the late constable's widow and children, and will be pleased to acknowledge any sums sent in. The money received will, in due course, be handed over to the appropriate quarter for the benefit of the widow and children. Cheques may be made payable to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

PROVISION FOR AN ADOPTED SON.

ANCESTOR WORSHIP IN WILL.

A desire to purchase a son to succeed him, is expressed in the will of Chan Ming-kai, late of 990, Canton Road, Kowloon, who died on May 18 this year at No. 2 Pun Kui Lane, Fat Shan, Kwangtung. Hongkong estate amounts to \$2,500. Probate has been granted to Kwong Shek-hing, 54, Queen's Road West, a merchant.

Included in the will is the following:—"My mother is old, my wife is young. I have no children nor have I brothers of the same venter. I recollect that I have toiled throughout my whole life and saved a little surplus. I want to buy a boy to inherit me. If he be admitted into the clan, a sum of \$500 should be appropriated for the Ancestors' Worshipping Fund. If admittance to the clan be refused, then let the matter of appropriation drop."

The will concludes by saying that no clansman shall be allowed to interfere with the estate, and his wife is not allowed to touch it at random. "She is only allowed to receive maintenance every month, so that she may not be hungry and cold, and that will do."

THE SHANGHAI CRIME WAVE.

STARTLING FIGURES FOR LAST MONTH.

We referred editorially yesterday to the contrast between Shanghai and Hongkong as regards crime. The following figures for the northern port, giving the November crime summary, speak for themselves:

Armed robberies	137
Murders	12
Arrests for murder	14
Police killed	3
Special police killed	1
Civilians killed	8
Civilians wounded by robbers	4
Robbers killed	8
Robbers arrested	39

MORE DOG-BITES.

TWO CASES YESTERDAY.

Two further cases of dog-bites were reported to the police yesterday. In the first case, a dog belonging to Mrs. Hicky, of No. 8 Block, Kennedy Road, attacked a Chinese yesterday and the animal was later removed to Kennedy Town for observation. The Chinese later was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for attention.

The second case was a report from Mr. Elbridge, a boarding officer of the Harbour Office, to the effect that his child was bitten by a chow dog belonging to him. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

The Very Idea!

"So you saw the woman drop her purse," said Brown to his friend, "but lost, her in the crowd. Did you advertise?"

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "but I didn't get an answer. I put this in the papers:—'If the plain woman, about 45 years of age, wearing a dress and a hat of last year's style, who lost a purse containing seventeen shillings and twopenny, in John Street, on Saturday, will apply to —, the property will be returned.'"

A child, who was accustomed to go to the house of an aunt on Sunday afternoons, where the two sang hymns after tea, said to her aunt one day:—"Auntie, let us sing that one about the boy who stole the watch."

"The boy who stole the watch! Why, dear child, what in the world do you mean?"

The child replied:—"Well, the one on Samuel, that says:—The old man, meek and mild, The Prince of Israel slept; His watch, the temple child The little Levite kept."

When Elsie Wilkinson, of Stanley, County Durham, was bound over at Middlesbrough, it was stated that her parents had locked her clothes away in order to prevent her leaving home, but she outwitted them by dressing in her father's coat and breeches. She was missing for several days and was found at Middlesbrough, where she stole a dress belonging to a woman who befriended her.

A man who was charged at Lambeth with insulting behaviour and assaulting his wife said he would chastise her as long as she was his wife.

Mr. Roath, the magistrate, said he was not entitled to do that. A wife had ceased to be a chattel to be dealt with as a man thought fit. She now stood as an independent person with her own rights. "Don't think," he added, "that because you have married a woman that entitles you to knock her about. It does not. If you continue to treat your wife in this way you will find yourself in durance vile. For the insulting behaviour you will be fined 20s. or seven days, and for assaulting your wife 40s. or twenty-one days imprisonment. Prisoner: Can I have time to pay?"

Mr. Roath: Not a minute.

I regret the next election is not as near as I would like it to be.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

You never know what pedestrians will do. They are the most foolish people in the world.—Dr. Waldo (London City Corner).

All moderate thinking Churchmen are grievously alarmed at so many of the bishops and clergy advancing towards Rome.—Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.

Motorist:—"I believe I have hit something!" Friend:—"Yes, an old man, I think."

Motorist:—"No, it can't be. We don't allow them to get very old in this village."

Father, mother, and little Willie were on the upper deck. The boat rolled and tossed on its cross-Channel voyage. Father did not feel too bright. Mother was distracted by the mischievous antics of her son.

At last she appealed to her husband. "Oh, father, do speak to Willie!"

Father, faintly—"How are you Willie?"

A new type of breakfast egg has made its appearance at Marlburg.

It was discovered by a school-boy who was eating it for breakfast. He plunged his spoon into the egg and brought out two gramophone needles, which were lying side by side in the centre of the yolk.

Little Willie was present at dinner when the local parson was invited. All went well until dinner was about to start and the parson reverently bent his head over his plate.

Everybody was quiet, when a little voice piped out:—"It's all right, mister—the meat's quite fresh."

Householder: "Now that you have had a good dinner, are you equal to the task of sawing some wood?" Wayward Tramp: "Madam, equal is not the right word. I am superior to it."

Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Ng Choy, widow, who died at Tai Tong Village, Tai Shan district, Kwong Tung province, on September 10, last year, have been granted to Li Mui, alias Cheung Li-shi, widow, 134 Connaught Road Central. She is the guardian of the lawful adopted son, Cheung Tak-lun, until he attains the age of 21. Hongkong estate amounts to \$4,400.

HAUL OF FORTY
REVOLVERS.COOLIES ARRESTED WITH
CASE.

REMANDED IN CUSTODY.

A large seizure of arms and ammunition was made yesterday at 8 p.m. in Connaught Road West. It is learned that Chief Preventive Officer Clarke stopped two coolies who were carrying a huge wooden case. On the box being opened, it was found that the contents consisted of 40 Smith and Wesson revolvers and 1,809 rounds of revolver ammunition.

The two coolies appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged with being in possession of the arms.

Inspector Grant, prosecuting, stated that he would like a remand of twenty-four hours in police custody, as he thought "one of the coolies knew more about the arms."

Mr. Lindsell—They both look like ordinary street coolies. Inspector Grant—They say they were engaged by two men who also looked like street coolies.

The police indicated that there was a book discovered on top of the case bearing the name of a Chinese shop in Vanchai, but it was found on enquiries that the shop did not now exist.

The Magistrate granted a twenty-four hours' remand in police custody.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

SOME SEASONABLE RECORDS.

Amongst the charms of Christmas time by no means the least is music; in fact, the season would be unrecognisable without it.

The old hymns and carols make unfailing appeal, and among the many renderings they will receive, it is safe to say that the new popular issues by the Columbia Company will find a welcome in many a home, not to mention ship-board, out-stations and isolated spots where home atmosphere is hard to come by.

Engaging reproductions of old favorites by the new process are to hand. From the Choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor and recorded in that historic shrine, we have "The First Noel," "We Have a Throne," "When Christ was Born of Mary Free," and "In Dulci Jubilo." Needless to say, they are well done. Even those to whom boys' voices, however clear, seem to lack quality, must recognise that the carol appears to suit them. If a real needle is used the occasional shrillness is minimised and the result remains loud enough for ordinary rooms.

"O Come All Ye Faithful" is given as a Carillon solo by Kamel Leferriere of Malines; "Abide With Me" on the reverse. These interesting records were made at the famous Grafton bell foundry.

An excellent 12" disc contains "Organ Medleys" of traditional carols and hymns, played on the fine instrument in St. Mary-le-Bow Church by Mr. Clarence Raybould. The recent remarkable improvement in reproducing from the instrument is well illustrated in this selection.

In the 10" series are some peculiarly fine renderings of standard carols by the B. B. C. Choir (mixed) accompanied by Mr. Stanford Robinson on the organ of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, one of the finest in London Nonconformity. The voices are round and full, and the parts well balanced in all of these.

If Sir John Maclure is right in calling the over-popular "The Day Thou Gavest" a parody on "Jesse the Flower O'Dumblane," the fact remains that it carries the words well and that this B. B. C. record is quite uncommonly good. Excellent also are "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Abide With Me" and, if one likes Parry's "Aberystwith," "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Handel, of course, and his "Messiah" stand by themselves in Christmas music. These who value his glorious fugues will find full satisfaction in the reproductions from the Crystal Palace Festival of "Let Us Break Their Bonds," "And The Glory Of The Lord," "He Trusted In God," and "Behold The Lamb Of God." The last-named in particular is remarkable for the effect of what one can only call multitudinous gentleness, thousands of voices producing, not a deafening crash, but a sound as of many waters conveying some of the "thoughts" which do lie top deep for tears.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has weakened. A depression has formed over S.W. Japan. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North winds, moderate; fine.

KIUKIANG TERROR

WOMEN STUDENTS
STRANGLING.

MURDERS BY ROBBERS.

Kiukiang, Nov. 27. Reports have come in of several more forays by the marauders, who recently attacked the S.O.C. manager near Jaohow. Indeed, conditions are so bad that the road to Jaohow is now closed to traffic, as no junkman dares sail that way. An eye-witness, who was caught and robbed by these brigands, reports that there are a number of soldiers amongst them wearing the badges of the 6th and 9th Armies on the left arm and the usual Red Kuomintang ticket on the left breast pocket of their grey uniforms. They are said to be troops of the Yukun magistrature's body-guard, who decamped recently after looting the magistrature funds.

The number of armed robberies in the neighbourhood of Kiukiang is also on the increase. There have been five murders in the past week, so that Chinese have entirely given up moving at night outside the city limits. There was one particularly revolting murder on the Kuling Road. A returned Singapore Chinese gentleman was walking out to his house at Shihluip along this road, when, about a mile outside Kiukiang he was suddenly shot through the body. He fell and the murderer then fired two more shots at him on the ground. All the murderer got for his pains was a wrist watch. The victim died the next day in Dr. Perkins' hospital.

Although conditions outside Kiukiang are bad, inside the city and the ex-Concession there has been a distinct improvement since the Nanking horde—that is really the correct description of them—moved on to Hankow. The Communists, it is true, have tried to stir up trouble. Some caught distributing pamphlets have been promptly shot. It is difficult to find out what these pamphlets contain as no Chinese dare pick them up. It is as much as his life is worth to be seen reading one.

Strangulation for Girls.

Amongst the executed are two girl students. They were granted the more lenient death by strangulation (instead of being shot). Whether the death is really a more pleasant one depends on how much the executioner has been bribed, because if he has not received what he considers the correct fee, he twists the cord and then untwists it again, then twists it a little more and so on to prolong the agony. The Chinese method of strangulation is not by hanging but by twisting a cord round the neck by means of a small stick.

There is considerable local dissatisfaction with the extortionate rates of coolie hire which have to be paid on all goods and cargo shipped through the various hulks. The shipping companies, very wisely, have adapted the attitude that it is for the shippers to settle the rate of hire with the coolies and, so far, the coolies have had their own way. Head coolies are making between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per month each and ordinary carry coolies \$50, \$60 and \$70 per month.

LADY CANDIDATE FOR
PARLIAMENT.MISS MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE
TO TRY.

London, Dec. 8. Miss Megan Lloyd George will be stated, stand as Liberal candidate for a seat in Wales at the next general election. She has had wide experience, as her father's constant companion on his big political engagements. —British Wireless.

FREEWILL OFFERING
TOTAL.OVER £1,000,000 TO
EXCHEQUER.

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that the total gifts, in cash dividends surrendered and stocks donated to the exchequer since war began, was £1,078,000. —British Wireless.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE
MOON.NOT SEEN IN LONDON OWING
TO CLOUDS.

London, Dec. 8. Little or nothing could be seen in London to-day of the total eclipse of the moon, owing to clouds and mist. It is possible, however, that better conditions may have prevailed in the provinces. —British Wireless.

BRITISH MARINES IN
PORT.ON WAY HOME AFTER
CHINA SERVICE.

SHANGHAI BIDS FAREWELL.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua arrived to-day from the North, carrying the British Marines who are homeward bound. These remaining members of the 12th Royal Marine Battalion were reviewed by Major-General John Duncan, officer commanding the North China Command, at Holt's Wharf, Pootung, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning on the eve of their departure for home, after having served more than nine months in China, principally at Pootung and Nanking, protecting British property at both places.

On Thursday last the Marines were reviewed by Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the British China Squadron, who complimented the men on their services and conduct in China and wished them bon voyage on their long journey home.

TO-MORROW'S PICTURES.

There will be a number of pictures of strong local interest in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph.

Among these will be views of the cast in "Merrie England," scenes taken at Fanling showing the Volunteers in camp, football teams in action, a group at the New Territories agricultural show, and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his bride.

Major-General Duncan, after inspecting the Marines, likewise told the men how delighted he was with their behaviour during their service in Shanghai and elsewhere in China, reminding them of the difficult nature of their work and the necessity for discretion and tact which they had observed so carefully. General Duncan expressed himself as well pleased with the work performed by the Royal Marines as part of the defence force under his command and in doing so only voiced the opinion of all Shanghai residents, including the conservative and right-thinking Chinese themselves.

The Marines, some 500 in number with their officers, were drawn up as a battalion at Holt's Wharf, where a large portion of them have been billeted since their arrival. They presented a very fine appearance.

On Tuesday, shortly after tiffin, the Marines embarked for home by the s.s. Mantua.

HEROIN PILLS.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH
POSSESSION.

A raid, headed by "Revenue Officer A. Grimmitt, on No. 113 Jervois Street, the premises of a porcelain merchant, resulted in the party finding a small quantity of heroin on the premises.

In connection with the raid a Chinese named Kwong Man-foo was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being in possession of 56 heroin pills.

Revenue Officer Grimmitt informed the Magistrate that the defendant would be represented by Mr. A. B. Hall and he asked his Worship to fix a date. His Worship accordingly arranged to hear the case on Monday next at noon.

LADY CANDIDATE.



Miss Megan Lloyd George, daughter of Britain's wartime Premier, who is to stand for one of the Welsh constituencies at the next General Election, in the Liberal interest.

RED CONSULATE.

PEKING ANNOYED BY
SHANGHAI.

HEADQUARTERS FOR PLOTS.

Peking, Dec. 4. With the apparent disintegration of the Kuomintang Party, high officials here look for a recrudescence of intense Red activity. Their evidence shows that the Soviet agents are leaving no stone unturned to regain the control of substantial organizations in various parts of the country, particularly in the large cities and industrial centres of the south. They believe it certain that some factions of the now disrupted Kuomintang are readily using Soviet money and guidance in order to strengthen their positions.

In this connexion, considerable surprise is expressed in official circles here that the Shanghai authorities continue to allow the Soviet Consulate-General to flourish undisturbed in their midst, seeing that it is a well-known nest of Red agitators. The documents seized in the raid on the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Peking in April, it is pointed out, revealed conclusively the methods of the Soviet in this country and furnished sufficient evidence of the connexion of the Consulate with the propaganda machinery to warrant its closing. Now that the usefulness of the Embassy as a base has been destroyed, it is obvious, the officials here point out, that the Shanghai Consulate, sheltered as it is in an area outside Chinese jurisdiction, must be the headquarters for Red machinations. If the crimes of the Reds spread elsewhere, from Shanghai as a centre, it is felt here that none but the Settlement authorities can be held guilty.

Machinations Revealed.

The intensity and widespread nature of the Red agitation at this moment is continually being revealed in north China where unceasing vigilance is exercised to defeat Soviet plots. The fact that the raid on the Embassy yielded such startling results should, as responsible Chinese here see it, have been sufficient warning to everyone of the danger of the survival of every Soviet organization, whether consular or commercial, particularly since the "closing of the Embassy which increases the menace from other sources a thousandfold, so that it is only by depriving the Soviet agents of all known bases that their conspiracies can be effectually countered.

In the high official headquarters here it is pointed out that Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin took upon himself the responsibility of raiding the Communist stronghold adjacent to the Embassy and that he has borne the burden of fighting Bolshevism ever since, without assistance from any quarter, despite abuse heaped upon him by foreign critics; so that it is natural that he is unable to understand the psychology of the Powers that not only give him no help or encouragement against the common enemy, but seem determined to protect the base headquarters of that enemy.

MARINE COURT CASES.

"STAR" FERRY COXSAIN
FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Chan King-chung, master of the "Star" Ferry launch Golden-Star, was charged with being under way in the harbour, crossing from Hongkong to Kowloon at midnight, on December 6, with both red and green side lights burning on the port side, in contravention of the rules of the road.

The defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined \$15, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment.

The mistress of a passenger boat, pleading guilty to navigating the harbour without the regulation lights, was mulct in a similar sum, with the same alternative.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD
CONTROL.SCHEME WHICH WILL COST
G.\$300,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 8. The President has transmitted to Congress a G.\$300,000,000 engineering scheme planned by the army engineers corps for controlling the Mississippi floods from Cairo, in Illinois, to the Mexican Gulf, introducing new floodways and strengthening and raising the existing levees. Only a small part of the cost will fall on the valley States. —Reuter's American Service.

DISBANDED TROOPS
AT LARGE.SHANGHAI POLICE KEPT
BUSY.

ROUND-UP SUCCESSFUL.

Three hundred and eighty-two disbanded soldiers arrived from Swatow by the s.s. Datsong, which berthed at Kwang Sing Road Jetty, Yangtzepoo, at eight o'clock on Saturday morning, and commenced to spread themselves in the immediate neighbourhood, lacking discipline and causing a fair amount of anxiety among the residents of the locality. They were, however, rounded up by the Shanghai Municipal Police and handed over to the Chapei Police for disposal. All who went ashore are believed to have been "captured."

These troops were until recently attached to General Ho Lung's army in Swatow and were sent to Shanghai at the expense of the Swatow Chamber of Commerce after they had become a menace to the southern coast city following the recent change of regime there. Arrangements have been made at this end, it is understood, to have the leaderless troops either incorporated in the Nationalist Army or repatriated to their different provinces.

Of the 382 troops who arrived by the Datsong 274 went ashore and wandered about the streets in the vicinity of the Jetty, each moment getting further and further ahead with the hope of reassembling them becoming more remote every minute. None of the troops were armed as they had been relieved of all their weapons before leaving Swatow.

The S.M.P. received warning of what was happening and despatched extra men to collect together the straying troops who returned to their ship without demur. Those who were so rounded up were handed over to the Chinese authorities immediately while the remainder were disposed of later in the same fashion.

CHINA UNDER-
WRITERS.SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
CONFIRMED.

Authorising an increase of capital by the creation of fifteen Founder's Shares of \$1,000 each, and approving the new draft Memorandum of Association, an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the China Underwriters' Limited, held at the Company's offices this morning, confirmed as Special Resolutions the Extraordinary Resolutions passed at the meeting held on November 21st.

Those present were Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. P. Marcel, Mr. Mok Ching-kong, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, and Mr. Tsang Foo (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. H. R. Sturt (manager and secretary), Mr. E. R. Childe (assistant secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. Allan Keith, W. Adamson, J. M. Alves, C. B. Brooke, and M. A. Figueroa.

The Chairman said that the objects of the resolutions had been explained at the previous meeting. He proposed the confirmation of Resolution No. 1 as a Special Resolution, and Mr. C. B. Brooke seconding, it was carried unanimously.

The other resolutions were separately put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 How many councillors in provincial municipalities retire each year?
- 2 Where are these places: Fleetwood, Sidmouth, Fraserburgh, St. Peter Port, Rathmines, Wexford?
- 3 What famous character kept on saying "In short?"
- 4 Which was the Prince of Wales' college at Oxford?
- 5 What is a "euphemism"?
- 6 Give the common name for sodium chloride.
- 7 Who was the most famous violin maker of all times?
- 8 What country is at the foot of the Balkan Peninsula?
- 9 Name the three daughters of King Lear.
- 10 What is haemoglobin?
- 11 Through what national capitals do these rivers flow: Tiber, Seine, Thames, Spree?
- 12 What animal is the best example of protective colouring?

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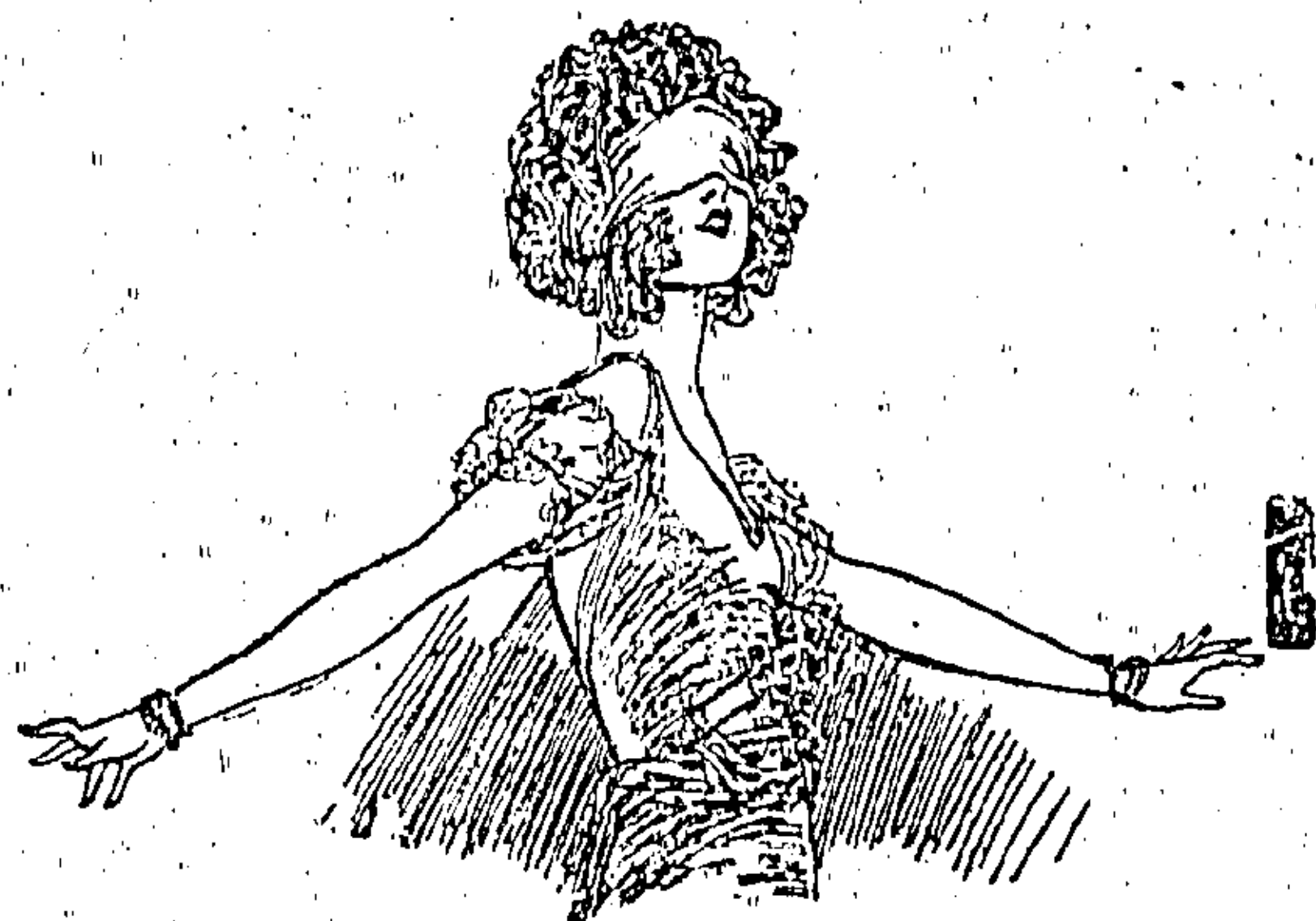
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Recently it was announced that Miss Betty Nuthall had accepted a film engagement. Now Miss Evelyn Colyer and Miss Joan Ridley are to appear in the Nurse Cavell film, "Dawn," being directed by Herbert Wilcox. They

will play the parts of probationer nurses, and Mr. Wilcox thinks they show great promise. At the same time (says a *Morning Post* correspondent) one cannot help feeling sympathy for the numerous young women who have been try-

ing conscientiously for years to establish themselves in pictures. They devote their lives in many cases to crowd-work in the hope of getting a chance, and then outsiders with no experience are preferred when opportunities arise.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON AND SCOTS GUARDS DRAW.

The Kowloon C. C. entertained the Scots Guards yesterday afternoon and played a drawn game.

The Home team batted first and compiled 122 runs, Rev. Venn and B. D. Evans being top scorers with 30 and 39 respectively. When stumps were drawn, the military team had made 101 for the loss of seven wickets. Chapman was the most successful bowler for the soldiers, taking six wickets for 38 runs. Scores:

Kowloon.		
J. C. Lyle, c and b Stiven	11	7
F. Edwards, c Mayfield, b Erskine	7	
Rev. R. T. Venn, b Chapman	30	
B. D. Evans, c and b Chapman	39	
Capt. J. E. Drysdale, b Chapman	4	
Capt. J. C. Davis, c Tyingham, b Chapman	8	
E. B. Morton, c Mayfield, b Stiven	10	
H. T. Burton, b Chapman	0	
P. G. Hall, b Chapman	0	
A. Hargreaves-Brown, c Mayfield, b Stiven	2	
N. H. Ross, not out	4	
Extras	1	
Total	122	

Bowling Analysis.		
Erskine	O. M. R. W.	
Stiven	8 1 24	1
Hargreaves-Brown	10 4 1 32	3
Chapman	9 2 27	6
Chapman	9 2 38	6

Scots Guards.		
Lieut. Maher, c Edwards, b Lyle	5	
Gds. Chapman, c Venn, b Hargreaves-Brown	25	
Capt. Tyingham, b Lyle	20	
Capt. Graham, b Lyle	0	
Capt. Erskine, lbw, Hargreaves-Brown	0	
Gds. Hargreaves, b Hargreaves-Brown	0	
Lieut. Coghill, not out	8	
Cpl. McKimmie, c Evans, b Lyle	21	
Capt. Mayfield, not out	9	
Extras	7	
Total (7 wks)	101	

Bowling Analysis.		
Lyle	O. M. R. W.	
Evans	13 4 42	4
Hargreaves-Brown	6 2 21	—
Ross	1 1 16	—

H.K.C.C. 1ST XI v. K.C.C. 1ST XI.
The following team will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club on the former's ground to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.—H. B. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, D. W. Lench, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, C. D. Wales, H. V. Parker, Capt. N. Thorpe, J. R. Hinton, O. Moor, and W. B. Cornaby. Reserve G. P. Lam-mert.



LOCAL SOCCER.

SEASON'S SECOND HALF COMMENCES.

CLUB OPTIMISTIC.

[By "Wanderer."]—

The programme for the second half of the season in respect of the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League commences to-morrow, and, looking back, it would appear that form has changed so little since the first matches of the season that re-sults then and now are likely to bear close resemblance.

The most important match is that between the Chinese Athletic and the Club, while the R.A.F. Recreation match will have considerable bearing on the team next in line to the Chinese for the championship.

Junior matches arranged are not of more than ordinary interest. The fixtures list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.	
R.A. v. South China.—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.—Mr. Smith.	
Police v. K.O.S.B.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.	
Chinese Ath. v. Club, 4 p.m.—Mr. Hyson.	
R.A.F. v. Recreation.—Recreation, 4 p.m.—Mr. Browne.	
Scots Guards v. Kowloon.—U.S.R.C., 4 p.m.—Capt. Austin.	

Junior Division "A."	
Recreation v. St. Joseph's.—Recreation, 2.30.—Mr. Gilmour.	
K.O.S.B. v. S. China "A."—Sookunpoo, 2.30.—Mr. Lamb.	
R.A. v. University.—St. Joseph's, 2.30.—Mr. Mackie.	
S. China "B" v. Chinese Ath.—S. China, 2.30.—Mr. Gilbert.	

Junior Division "B."	
St. Joseph's v. S. China "B."—U.S.R.C., 2.30.—Mr. Hutchins.	
Kowloon v. Kung Mo.—Kowloon, 2.30.—Mr. Cowan.	
S. China "A" v. Moslems.—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Samy.	
Boy Scouts v. Chinese Ath.—S. China, 4 p.m.—Mr. Samy.	

Club's Improvement.
There are more smiling faces at the H.K.F.C. following the Club's recent successes, and even to-morrow's return match with the Chinese Athletic has failed to take the edge off their optimism. The Club, indeed, rather fancy their prospects of being the first side to administer defeat to the league leaders, but though the Club have done seemingly less probable things in the past, it seems to be more a case of the wish being father to the thought than anything else.

The Club have certainly shown considerable improvement since Stewart and Watson returned to the side, but at the beginning of the season they were defeated 6-0, and there is nothing to indicate such a complete reversal of form as a Club victory would mean. The Chinese Athletic, as a matter of fact, have recovered from a period when staleness appeared to be creeping in, and are playing as well now as at any time. The H.K.F.C. may be expected to render good account of themselves, but a Chinese victory is the most likely result.

South China's Form.
South China have been giving up-and-down displays of late, but they will need to be well up to-morrow to hold the R.A. The latter team has developed remarkably recently and must be regarded as one of the leading military sides. South China's defence will need to be in good form to make a close game of it.

Goalless Draw.
When the Police and K.O.S.B. met in the first match of the season a goalless draw resulted, and a similar result to-morrow would not greatly surprise. The Police, however, have been falling away recently, and the Borderers may force a win.

Wheeler Back.
Frank Wheeler, Kowloon's captain and right back, returned to the Colony yesterday on the Morea, and his introduction to the side should effect a considerable strengthening to the Kowloon defence. It is not certain that he will play in to-morrow's match against the Scots Guards, but the fact that he is back again will be an encouragement to the main-landers. Sims, who was sick last

OPPOSITION TO DOG RACING.

BAN BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

AUSTRALIAN PROHIBITION.

Madrid, Dec. 8.
The Government has refused an application for a license to establish greyhound racing in Madrid, on the ground that gambling is forbidden in Spain.—*Reuter.*

In Sydney.

Sydney, Dec. 8.
A measure forbidding betting on night greyhound racing has been passed by both Houses, and it is anticipated that this will kill dog-racing, which is not expected to survive the competition of horse-racing.—*Reuter.*

In Melbourne.

Melbourne, Dec. 8.
The Legislative Council has passed a Bill prohibiting betting on mechanical hare racing. The Victoria Assembly has already passed the Bill.—*Reuter.*

Cairo Approves.

London, Dec. 8.
The Cairo Government has granted a permit to the Greyhound Racing Association of England to install a racing track at Cairo.—*Reuter.*

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

TWO SHARE THE PRIZE.

There was again a large entry for our Football Competition last week, and several contestants sent in claims for nine correct results. Analysis of coupons, however, shows that only two had this number correct, and they therefore share the prize. These are:

Pte. J. F. Comerford,
2nd. K.O.S. Borderers.

A. G. Day,
Royal Naval Hospital.

If they will call at this office, we shall be pleased to hand them \$12.50 each.

Competitors are particularly requested to keep a careful check of their forecasts, and not to claim for more matches than they have correctly forecasted.

The Trustees of the British Museum have accepted from the directors of Paramount Pictures a copy of the Nature film "Chang" which depicts jungle life in Siam, together with records of the actual animal sound effects synchronized with the picture, and documents giving the history of the taking of the picture and the creation of the animal sounds. A condition attached to this gift is that the film shall be placed in an air-tight case and not opened until 1977.

Mr. S. S. Chellaram, Managing Proprietor of Messrs. D. Chellaram, Queen's Road, leaves to-day by the s.s. Morea on a business trip to Shanghai and Japan.

week, is fit again and will fill the centre-half berth, while I understand there is a possibility that Northey will lead the forwards. The Scots Guards will rely on the side which defeated the R.A.F. last week, and they could scarcely do better. It should be a good game, a little more closely contested than the early season match which went to the Guards by four clear goals.

Brought Forward.

The Club de Recreation meet the R.A.F., the match being brought forward from January 7th. The match will be interesting from the point of view that two rivals for the centre-forward position in the Interport team will be in opposition, Gosano and Vernon. The Recreation won the previous game by 2-1, and to-morrow's match will be equally close, though it would not surprise were the positions reversed.

With the Juniors.

Form looks fairly well arranged in the Junior Divisions and few upsets are likely. Full points should secure to the K.O.S.B. Reserves, St. Joseph's, K.A. Res., and Chinese Athletic Reserves in the "A" section, while St. Joseph's, Kung Mo, South China "A" and Chinese Athletic may be expected to win in the "B" section.

MACAO NOTES.

GOOD SPORT PROMISED FOR SUNDAY.

[By "Sundowner."]—

I have every reason to believe that the prospects for the 5th Extra Race Meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao are extremely rosy.

The course is in excellent condition just at present and fast times should be registered. Providing the weather remains unchanged, good sport will most certainly be seen.

Quite a number of the Hongkong jockeys have signified their intention to be present amongst whom I may mention Charles, Bulteel, Reidy, Sewell, Stanton, Usher, Reza, Roda, Sherman, Wolfe-Murray, Gordon Wong and Morgan.

The entries are very satisfactory especially for the Winter Stakes which is the main event on the card and contains 42 runners. An additional starters fee of \$10 makes the final acceptance for this race \$15. This should prove a keenly contested event and I have no doubt that quite a number of Macao's favourite ponies will face the starter.

As usual the pari mutuel and cash sweeps will operate on all events; also special steamers will run to and from Macao at reduced fares, and altogether it looks as if a very pleasant week-end is in store for Hongkong "trippers" and the Macao racing fans.

The Entries Analysed.

Several very useful performers have been entered and I am inclined to think that winners will be found among those to whom I have briefly alluded to below.

Chui Chow Ning.—On his present form, should be expected to run well as he has always shown useful form over any distance in fair class company.

Green Island.—Ran third at the last Hongkong Meeting and is improving. If ridden by Wong should catch the Judge's eye.

Ma Kou Siac.—After several futile attempts has not succeeded in being on the right side of the Judge's end. Nevertheless, he requires watching.

Loongwa.—Although not a champion, he is invariably thereabouts and should show up smartly wherever entered.

Shanghai Friend.—Very easily beat all opposition at the last Macao Meeting. He should therefore again be held in great respect.

Sutherland.—"Stinker." Still the little blighter can do the trick if he likes, and, if the wife isn't buying too many new frocks for the New Year, save a humble five for this little rascal.

Sunning.—A little lady who has performed consistently. Fast from the gate, she will be a serious menace if failing to win outright.

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Wai Chow.—A pretty little speed merchant with a handy impost which should mark him as a very likely winner.

Warrington.—Has figured conspicuously at Hongkong in an "A" Class Handicap and although recent performances have been disappointing he should win when seen out again.

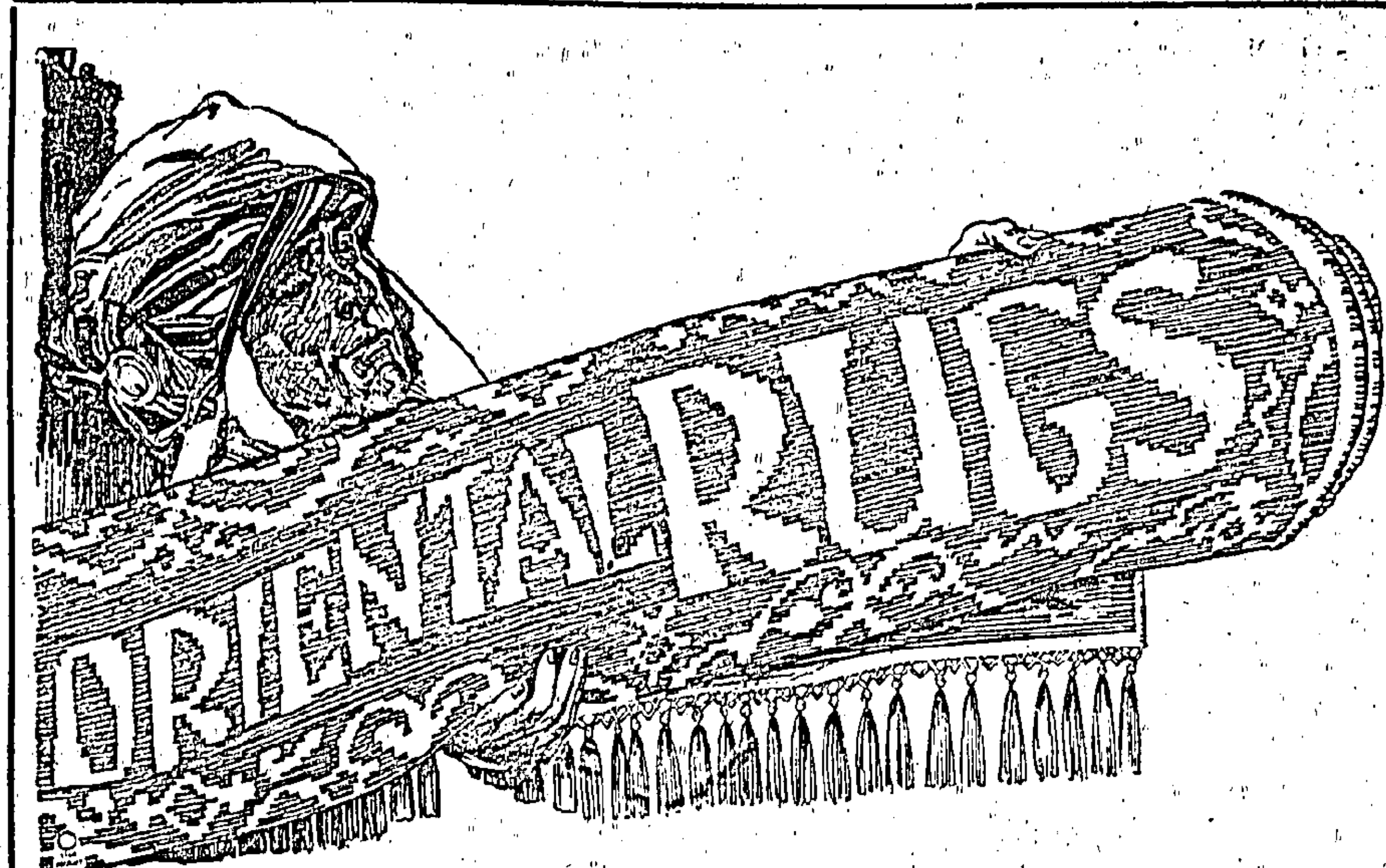
Wuchang.—Temperamental, no doubt, still, he can by no means be left out of calculations.

Wild Fellow.—The name is certainly a misnomer, for he is an honest old plugger who, if he is in good condition, will put paid to the account of anybody who backs him.

INTER-PORT CRICKET.

A SINGAPORE VIEW ON MALAYA'S TEAM.

Apart from the controversy as to whether the cricket team which recently played in Hongkong was representative of Malaya or not, some of the remarks made by correspondents in your columns can only be described as most unsporting, writes a *Singapore Free Press* correspondent in reply to recent criticisms in that paper, and continues: One referred to "an ignominious debacle" and another mentioned "a disgrace on the fair name of Malaya." The team was admittedly beaten, but there is no disgrace in defeat and the men who played might at least be spared insults. I am quite satisfied that they did their best, even if some of the hysterical arm chair critics who have rushed to print do not think so. With regard to the suggestion that the team was a mere picnic party why shouldn't the team enjoy themselves after travelling 1,500 miles to play cricket? Are they expected to sit down with long faces in between the intervals of playing cricket? The correspondence has had too much flavour of "sour grapes" and at that I will leave it.



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CHAPTER XVII.

"Mademoiselle, sir, her Grace's maid."

In spite of himself, Dr. Tarleton heaved a sigh of relief. This was not the name he had been half afraid of hearing.

The steward stumbled towards a chair.

"Will you excuse my sitting down sir? The shock has been almost too much for me."

The man's white face confirmed his words. The doctor hastened to his bedside and poured out a glass of brandy, which Burrows gratefully imbibed.

While he was pulling himself together the expert was considering the startling news in all its bearings. The Frenchwoman had been killed on the very eve of coming to him to repeat her accusation against Captain Theobald's negro servant. What was the inference likely to be drawn by the ordinary mind, especially in the light of the previous evidence? Would it not seem obvious that the Captain had warned his servant of the charge against him, and that he had resorted to this means of defending himself, with a savage's disregard of consequences? And in that case, would it not follow that the author of the second crime must also be the author of the first?

Such a solution seemed plausible enough, and yet an inner voice warned the investigator not to accept it. He asked his visitor: "How was she killed?"

"By a poisoned arrow. It was found lying beside her."

"Where?"

"In her own room, sir. She must have been murdered in her sleep. There was no sign of a struggle; only a mark on her throat where the arrow had pricked her."

Tarleton looked thoughtful. "What you tell me points to suicide rather than murder," he remarked.

For an instant Burrows looked up hopefully. Then he lowered his head again with a sigh. "I wish I could think so, sir, but I can't, not after the other murder."

Was the steward becoming communicative at last? The investigator eyed him with curiosity. All along he had felt certain that this man possessed some information which he was withholding in what he believed to be the family interest. "You don't think it possible that Prescut may have committed the first crime?"

Burrows shook his head despondently.

"I only wish I could sir," he said, repeating his former words. "It's a terrible thing for all of us to know that there's a murderer in the house."

"Look here," the doctor said impulsively, "you had much better be frank with me, Mr. Burrows. I know perfectly well that you could tell me a good deal more if you chose. Can't you see that you are partly to blame for this second crime? If you hadn't been so secret the criminal might have been arrested by now."

The steward only hung his head again.

"I can't sir. It's no use asking me to tell you things; I've been in the family too long for that. Not that I know anything, really; indeed I don't," he concluded, as if realising that he had said rather more than he intended.

Tarleton made another effort to shake him, but with the same result. Frightened and miserable as he might be the Duke's steward was still faithful to his duty as he conceived it; and the doctor could not help respecting him accordingly.

He swallowed a hasty breakfast, and went off in the car to the scene of the fresh crime.

On this occasion Trafford House presented a very different appearance. The lady's maid's tragic fate had not been kept secret, such a course having been rendered impossible by the fact that her bedroom had been entered in the morning by the housemaid appointed to call her. The terrified girl had rushed straight to the housekeeper, and from her to spread the tidings through the household.

The footman who opened the door wore a scared expression, and the butler, advanced, shaking like a jelly, from the depths of the hall. Tarleton brushed them aside, rejecting their proposal to take him into their master's presence, and went straight upstairs.

He was not much surprised to hear the same sounds through the door of the dead woman's room that had greeted his ears on a previous occasion. The Lady Agatha, true to her character, had already installed herself beside the bed, and was rendering the last services of religion in the calm, detached spirit of one without interest in earthly things.

The specialist waited respectfully for the first pause in her ladyship's

prayers. Then he said, "I must apologise for interrupting you, Lady Agatha, but it is my duty to have no time in examining the body."

Lady Agatha rose from her knees and turned on him the faint, sardonic smile which had baffled his curiosity before.

"You may do your duty, sir, as I have done mine. But do you really expect to discover anything more this time than the last?"

"I should have a better chance of doing so, perhaps, if you would be plain with me, Lady Agatha," said the doctor severely. "It has occurred to you that you may have had it in your power to avert this second tragedy by taking me fully into your confidence? You are taking on yourself a terrible responsibility."

If he had expected Lady Agatha to be moved by his rebuke he was disappointed. Her lips were no more easily to be unsealed than the steward's had been.

She looked him coldly in the face. "I acknowledge no responsibility to you, doctor, nor to any worldly authority. Why do you assume that I should have interfered to save this woman from the punishment of her sins? 'Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.'"

The medical adviser of the Home Office hardly knew how to answer this fanatical reasoning. As a matter of fact, he knew what Lady Agatha probably did not, that the death of Mademoiselle had prevented her coming just in time to prevent her sending an innocent man to his doom by means of a false accusation.

"Am I to understand, then, that you are not willing to lift a finger to prevent another murder being committed in this house?" he demanded after a few moments.

"This is a House of Sin, and the wages of sin is death," Lady Agatha pronounced without falter. And with the barest possible salutation she swept out of the room, leaving the doctor with the feeling that an icy breath had passed across him.

He observed that Burrows, who had accompanied him to the scene, manifested no surprise at her ladyship's singular utterances. The steward stood with bent head, in the attitude of one receiving a warning which he understood.

Heaving an impatient sigh, Tarleton proceeded with his inspection. The briefest glance was enough to confirm the steward's account. The unfortunate woman had expired without a groan, apparently in her sleep. The black puncture in her throat spoke for itself, and an arrow, similar to those in Captain Theobald's quiver, lay openly displayed on the pillow of the bed.

Was this the weapon that had slain Montacute two days before; or had the murderer provided himself with more than one of the poisoned darts? The doubt became a formidable one in the light of Burrows' fear and Lady Agatha's veiled prophecy.

The specialist decided to pay another visit to the Captain's room and make a closer examination of the fatal quiver. He had hardly reached the floor below, however, when he was met by the Captain himself in a state of the utmost agitation and distress.

"Doctor," he burst out, "I must speak to you. I don't know what I shall do. Do you know what has happened now? Rosa has broken off our engagement. And she refuses to say why!"

The investigator was hardly less startled than the young man himself by this development. If a momentary temptation came to him to be glad that the beautiful girl was free he manfully conquered it. In silence he devoted himself to her happiness without a thought of his own. He was convinced that her heart was given to this young officer, and he resolved that they should not be parted if he could help it.

Meanwhile, he found himself obliged to connect Lady Rosa's strange action with the mysterious attitude of her sister and of the faithful steward. What was the sinister shadow in the background that forbade these members of the Duke of Altringham's household to fall in with the Duke's own explanation of the mystery as a vulgar intrigue followed by the vengeance of a savage?

Putting his arm through the Captain's, he led the excited man along the corridor. They were just passing the door of the sitting-room shared by the two sisters when Tarleton's quick ear caught the sound of sobs within. Yielding to the impulse of his heart, he gave a hasty knock, and entered with the rejected lover still on his arm.

Lady Rosa was stretched on a small sofa against one window, indulging her grief without restraint. Her hand held a photo-

SHANGHAI NERVY.

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battle sometimes can turn against them, as in this instance, when both the assailants paid the price of their folly by meeting with death at the hands of the police, which should have a salutary effect on others of their ilk. Secondly, it has established beyond a shadow of doubt the determination of Shanghai's residents to carry on their avocations and keep the wheels of industry moving despite intimidation and the adoption of murderous methods savouring of alien origin.

The spectacle of armed constables acting as escorts to the motemen of trams and buses may be a little unsettling to nervously-inclined persons, but never has the need been greater for Shanghai to put up the sign, "business as usual." Paralysis of the city's major services, rather than a betterment of working conditions for labour, is the objective aimed at by labour ruffians, and a stoppage would be a source of satisfaction for them that would be an accession of strength to them in their nefarious activities. There is no question of this time or working hours dispute this time because some months ago the decision of the tramway men was ameliorated and their legitimate grievances redressed by a new agreement which was mutually agreed to by the Company and its employees. The present movement is a purely destructive one, and there is good reason to believe it may be the last of its kind.

graph, which she tried to conceal as the door opened, but not quickly enough to prevent the doctor recognising the features of the man she had just discarded.

The poor girl made no protest against the intrusion. On the contrary, Tarleton was able to flatter himself with the belief that his appearance brought a gleam of real comfort to her pale eyes. The younger man's presence she chose to ignore.

"Dr. Tarleton! Is there—have you found out anything fresh?" It went to his heart to disappoint her; but he could only respond: "Perhaps you can help me to do that, Lady Rosa. Suppose we put our heads together and see what can be done?"

Lady Rosa gave him a quick look, in which he detected apprehension rather than confidence; yet she did not actually reject the suggestion. He ventured to draw a chair beside her, while Theobald modestly stationed himself by the fireplace.

"I don't know how much you have been told," the investigator began, gently.

Lady Rosa threw back her head impatiently. "That's just it! You're all alike, treating me like a child, and hiding everything from me. I have a right to know what ever there is to be known. I am sure that something dreadful has been going on the last day or two; the very air seems full of suspicion, and yet I am told nothing."

"Believe me, my dear lady, we have only been acting in your interest," the expert assured her. "At least I can answer for myself, and I think for Captain Theobald."

"Then why did you pretend you were only here to see about the drains? Why did you question me about Mr. Montacute, and carry off his photograph? Now his death is in all the papers, and you gave evidence at the inquest. You must have known something at the time."

"I knew that he had been murdered, but I wished to spare you the shock," was the doctor's answer. "Who murdered him?" demanded the girl.

"That is just what I am trying to find out."

"Ah!" Her eyes became troubled. "And you asked me those questions to see if I knew anything about it?"

"No, no," Tarleton protested. "I had just found his portrait in your room, and all I wanted was some information about the man himself that might help me to understand why he was killed."

"But why should you have come into this room?"

The question was an awkward one. The specialist took a sudden resolution.

"I will be frank with you, Lady Rosa, even at the risk of offending you and Captain Theobald. I had just ascertained that Montacute had been killed with a poisoned arrow, and that such an arrow was missing from Captain Theobald's room. I came in here to look for it."

Lady Rosa went white. Her lover started forward with a muttered oath.

(To be Continued.)

BOXING.

TWO BIG FIGHTS.

London, Dec. 7. In the fight between Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion, and Johnny Risko, the Cleveland fighter, Scott was scientifically superior, giving a masterly defensive display. With unwavering steadiness he faced the bull-like rushes of Risko, who was merely a wild swinger and who won the decision on aggression. He caught Scott off his balance and felled him harmlessly. A healthy push first felled him in the eighth with an unidentified blow in a clinch, Scott sinking on one knee with a painful expression. Scott's eye was cut in the ninth, but he finished fresh and cool.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Willie Smith, the conqueror of Baldoon on October 10, lost the referee's decision in a ten round contest at Cleveland to the ex-amateur American flyweight champion Dominick Petrone. Smith was down four times, but forced the pace throughout and displayed superior science.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted and the defendant was represented by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks. Mr. J. T. Prior watched the proceedings on behalf of the relatives of the deceased.

At the conclusion of the prosecution's evidence Mr. Brooks addressed the court and said that the fact that defendant was seen running away from the scene was not sufficient to connect him with the crime. His action might have been due to fright and Mr. Brooks said that it would be asking too much for the Court to say that the defendant was connected with the assault and subsequent murder.

He suggested that the defendant was a mere spectator of the occurrence.

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FIRST MEETING OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Bangkok, Dec. 1.

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An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Prince's Building and Land Company Limited was held in Prince's Building yesterday afternoon for the purpose of confirming a resolution relating to the winding up of the company consequent on the sale of the property for \$3,000,000, which was unanimously passed at a previous meeting.

Mr. J. E. Joseph presided and he was supported by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Sir Robert Ho Tung and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, (Directors). Shareholders present were Mr. S. S. Perry, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. K. F. Lay, Mr. D. H. Cooper, (representing Mr. A. V. Apear), Mr. M. Nemaze, (representing Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze), Mr. A. Nemaze, Mr. Liang Chieh-hao, and Mr. S. K. Moosa (secretary).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said: As you are already aware this meeting has been called for the purpose of confirming, as required by law, the special resolution unanimously passed at the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders convened on November 21 last. I will now read to you that resolution and beg to propose that it be confirmed at this meeting as a special resolution accordingly:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. John Hennessy Seth and Mr. Sydney Hampden Ross, jointly and severally of the firm of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be and they are hereby appointed, the Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up at a fixed remuneration of \$500."

Mr. K. F. Lay seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then said—This is all the business gentlemen. Thank you very much for your attendance. I would like to take this opportunity of saying that arrangements are being considered, though not yet completed, with the liquidators, for making a first return of capital of \$100 per share to shareholders at an early date, which will be duly announced in the Press in the course of the next few days.

Brilliant uniforms for the French Army are to be restored gradually as funds permit, according to a decision arrived at by the French War Council. With the reduction in the time of compulsory service to one year, the French Army has to rely on a large number of voluntary re-engagements, and it is realised that bright colours and gold braid still form a very considerable attraction to the men. The first troops to be issued with new ceremonial uniforms will be the African regiments. The future service uniform of the metropolitan army will probably be khaki, and this change will be introduced as soon as the present stock of horizon-blue uniforms is exhausted.

A POLICE HERO.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Chinese constable Wan Wong-chi, who lost his life in a gallant attempt to intercept an armed robber on Wednesday morning, took place yesterday and was attended by a very great number of brother officers from all contingents of the Hongkong Police.

The procession started at 2.30 p.m. from the public mortuary and went along Des Voeux Road in an easterly direction until Centre Street was reached when it proceeded along Centre Street on to Bonham Road. The coffin was followed by about a hundred and fifty Chinese constables, fifty Indian constables and a large number of European Sergeants and Inspectors. The Police Reserve were also well represented.

Amongst those present were the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. W. B. Sparrow, A.S.P., Commander G. B. Hartford, D.S.P. (R.), Mr. Bishen Singh, Commissioner of Police Reserves, Mr. Sirdar Khan, A.S.P. (R.), Chief Inspector Kent, Inspectors Grant and Cotton, Sub-Inspector Barnett and Sub-Inspector Chow U-teng (representing the Chinese contingent of the Police Reserves). Several members of the Flying Squad were also present and helped to clear a path through the streets which were lined by large crowds of spectators.

The procession came to a halt on a vacant space just in front of the University Recreation Ground. The coffin was laid down in the centre of the ground and after the relatives of the deceased had paid their respects the police filed past one by one and saluted. Those who attended the funeral in multi made three bows in tribute to the gallant constable. The ceremony of saluting occupied almost an hour.

To indicate the all round appreciation and admiration of the constable's pluck and bravery, a profusion of wreaths were sent by the different departments of the police force. So great indeed was the tribute paid in this manner that it required a motor lorry to carry all the wreaths.

Amongst others there were wreaths from the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., Inspector Reynolds, C.D.I., Inspector Grant, Inspector Lannigan, His European comrades on the water front, Sergeants Oram and Johnston, Sergeant Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Floor, Mr. and Mrs. Carey.

No. 2 Police Station Chinese Sergeants mess, European Officers from No. 2 Station, Sergeants mess No. 7 Station, Chinese Detectives, Central Police Station, brother Chinese officers, Officers and Sergeants, Tsim-sha-tui.

There were numerous wreaths from individual members of the Chinese contingent and boat searchers and quite a large number from Wei-hai-wei constables. Wreaths were also sent by the Indian contingent of the Police force and by the Indian division of the Police reserves.

NASTY ACCIDENT.

PACKING CASE CRASHES AMONGST COOLIES.

An incident which took place yesterday afternoon near the Victoria Recreation Club resulted in six persons being sent to the Government Civil Hospital, four of whom were suffering from serious injuries.

At about 3 p.m. motor lorry No. 570, belonging to the Hongkong Baggage and Transport Company, was proceeding along Connaught Road Central carrying a packing case of large dimensions weighing about a ton and half.

The packing case contained the two rear axles of a Thornycroft six-wheeler which were being taken by the lorry to A. King's slipway at North Point, where the six-wheeler is being assembled. The case was on rollers and there were a number of coolies sitting on top of it—men employed to lower the case from the lorry. When the lorry turned into Murray Road it probably jolted and the rollers under the case carried it over the side of the lorry. The coolies who were sitting on the case were thrown to the road and the case crashed amongst them, inflicting very serious injuries to four and minor injuries to two others.

A message was received at the Central Police Station at 3.20 p.m. to the effect that a very serious motor accident had taken place and police officers and mechanics were quickly rushed to the scene. On arrival they did what they could for the injured men and later the six coolies were sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

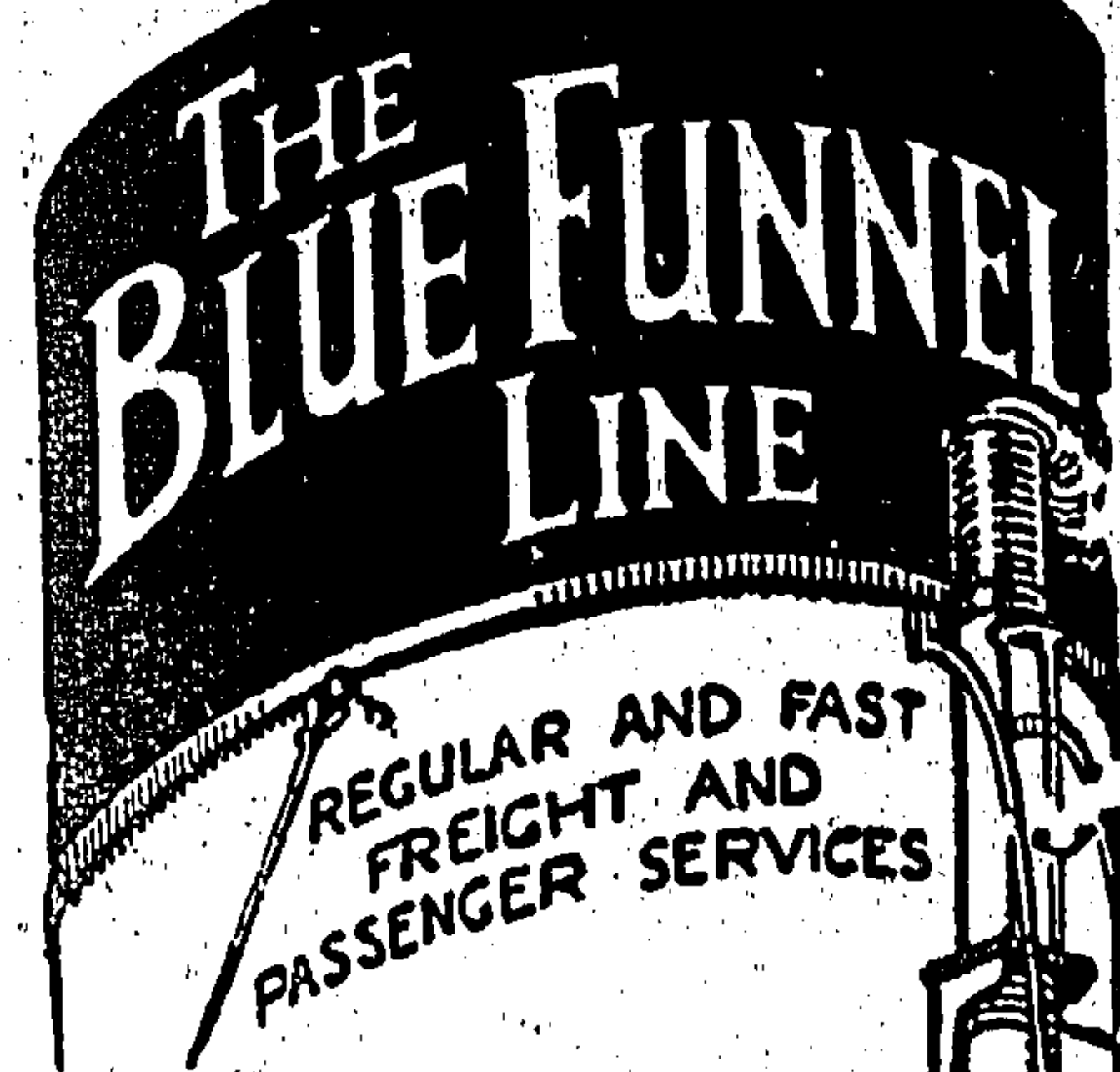
COALMINE DISASTER.

TWELVE KILLED IN FIRE- DAMP EXPLOSION.

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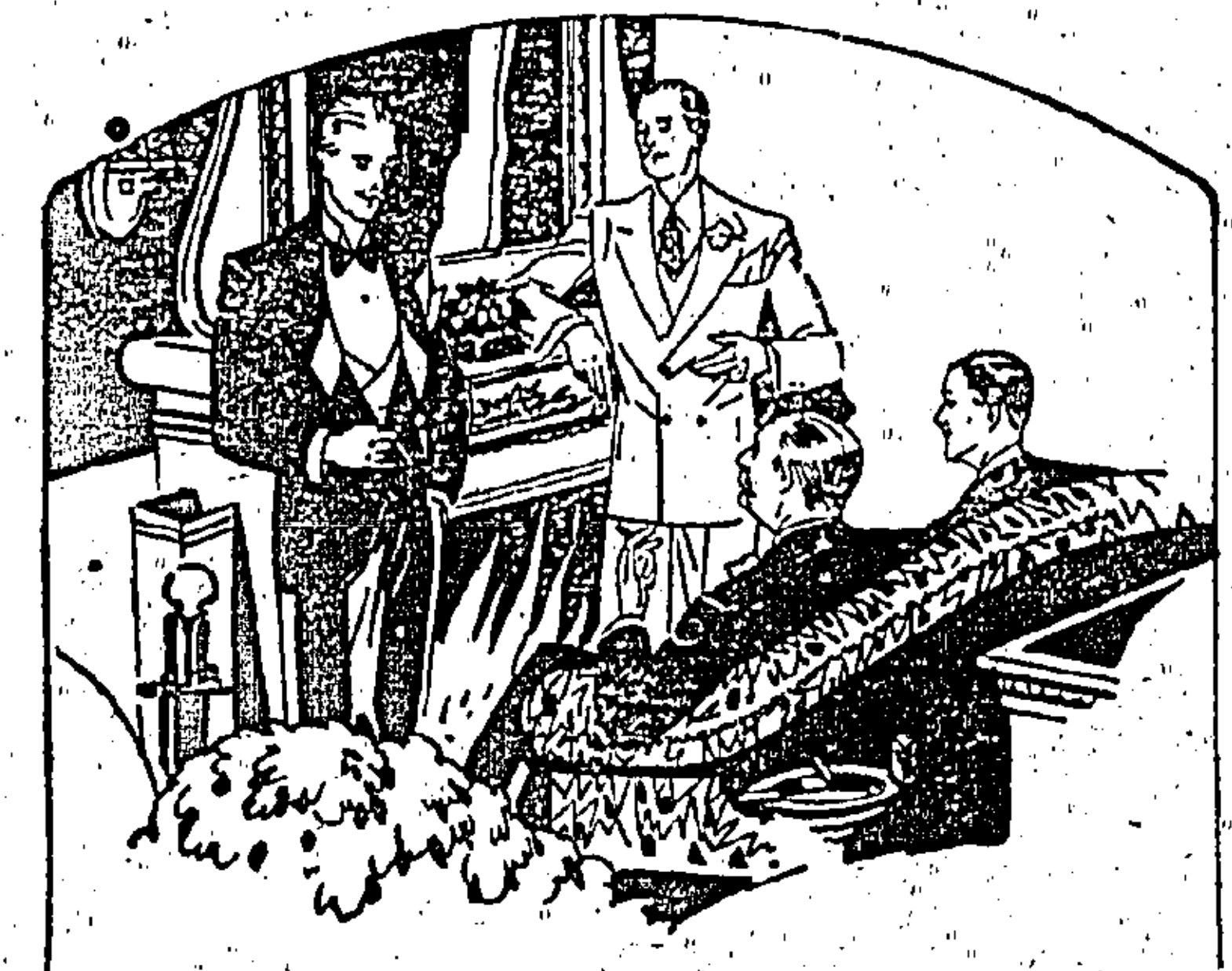
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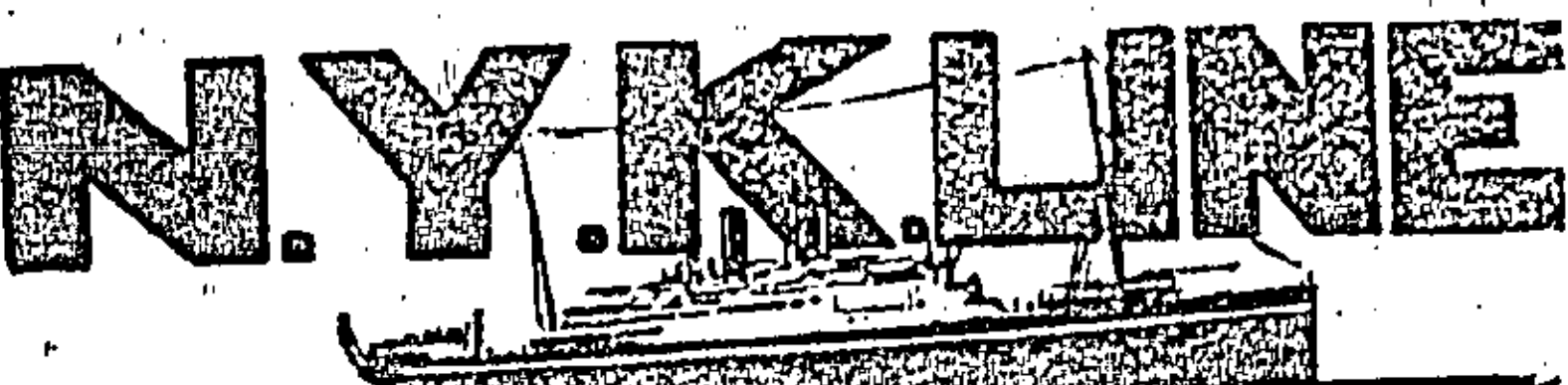
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THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

POLAND'S DISPUTE CONSIDERED AT GENEVA.

London, Dec. 8.
The League Council yesterday heard a long statement on the Polish Lithuanian dispute from M. Valdemaras, the Lithuanian Premier, and M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister. Feeling that the services of some important mediator would be opportune the Council requested the Netherlands Foreign Minister to act as rapporteur and the matter will be considered further.—British Wireless.

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The Fatshan, (Captain Mitchell) berthed two hours late as stated in the Kinshan message and it was then reported that the delay was caused by the loss of a propeller off Tiger Island. Arrangements had previously been made for the towing of the Fatshan to Talkoo Dock for repair, but owing to the heavy cargo carried, which could not be discharged before dark, it was later given out that she would remain alongside the Canton Wharf until 7 a.m. this morning, after which she would be taken to dock. The Fatshan, not being fitted with wireless, was unable to communicate with Hongkong direct, the visual message being relayed by s.s. Kinshan. Owing to this mishap there was no morning sailing for Canton to-day but full service will be resumed over the week-end, when the replacement of the Fatshan's missing propeller will be completed.

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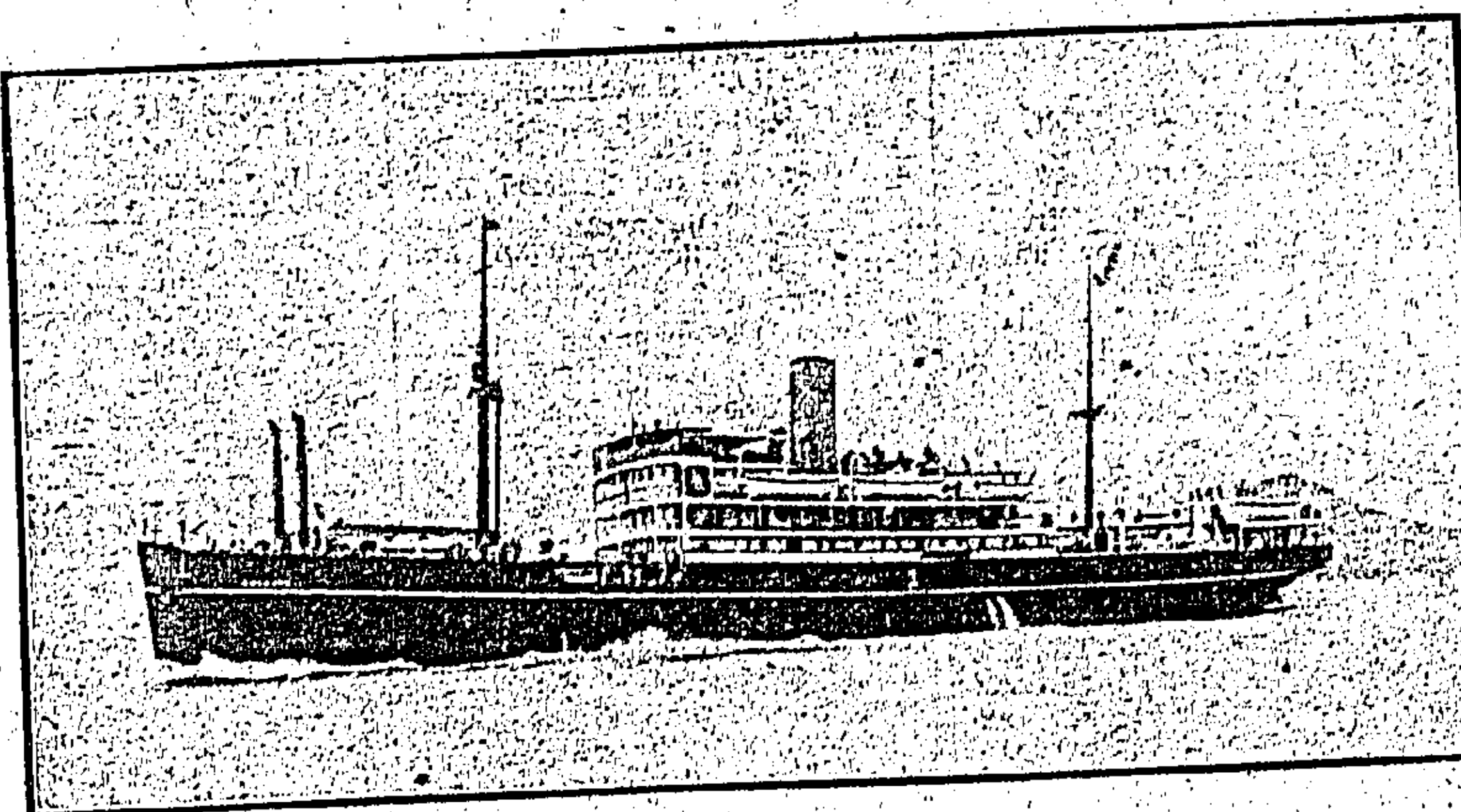
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KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
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KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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GRASSHOPPERS AND ANTS AS FILM ACTORS.



One of the most remarkable films ever produced will be shown shortly in London. It is a German film entitled "Nemesis" and practically all the characters are taken by ants and grasshoppers. Many years have been spent in making the film. Photo shows the Grasshopper Jazz Band in the night club.

SENT FOR TRIAL.

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defendant should undoubtedly have given an explanation. He had not done so, and the onus resting on the defendant in this respect still remained. He must be committed before a jury to give that explanation, although his worship agreed that the evidence of the prosecution was very unsatisfactory.

Mr. d'Almada having reserved his defence, defendant was committed for trial at the forthcoming Criminal Sessions.

In view of the unsatisfactory position of the prosecution, Mr. d'Almada applied for bail. He considered \$5,000 to be prohibitive, and said that defendant could find only \$2,000.

His Worship granted bail, in the form of \$2,000 cash and \$1,000 in personal surety.

RED RUSSIANS FOR CANTON?

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including a number of farmers of the poorer class.

The paper states that the Chinese authorities are keeping the matter quiet and consequently details are lacking. "But from what we have learned," the paper states, "it would appear that the raiders, who were all armed with rifles, automatic pistols and bombs, etc., first surrounded the village and then plundered the houses, many persons being massacred."

"The circumstances surrounding this sanguinary incident are exactly the same as those attending the Communist uprising at Wusieh and Ishing recently."

MUKDEN ARMIES MENACED.

Plot to Destroy Arsenal.

Mukden, Dec. 2.
The Chinese military police authorities have so far arrested three Chinese belonging to anti-Fengtien plain-clothes men's corps in connexion with a plot to blow up the Mukden Arsenal.

As a result of rigid examinations conducted by the military police authorities, the arrested Chinese have confessed that about 1,000 anti-Fengtien plain-clothes men were plotting to blow up the Mukden Arsenal, to raid the electric power station, and to set fire to houses in various parts of the city, taking advantage of darkness, with the object of disturbing the rear of the Fengtien armies in conjunction with another party of plain-clothes men along the Peking-Mukden Railway.

HSUCHOW OUTLOOK.

The Kuominchun Attacks.

Peking, Dec. 8.
Foreign messages from Tsinan state that the Shantung forces personally commanded by Chang Chung-chang are still holding Hsuehchow, despite the repeated attacks of the Nationalist and Kuominchun troops.

A critical situation was created there recently when all the Sun Chuan-fang and Chihli troops were withdrawn and sent to Lincheng and Taining for the purpose of meeting the Kuominchun attacks, leaving only the Shantung forces to hold the city. The Nationalists almost captured the city, but their attacks were driven off after desperate fighting.

It is stated that these withdrawals from Hsuehchow are preliminary to Sun Chuan-fang's supplanting Chang Chung-chang in Shantung if the latter fails to hold Hsuehchow.

Officially Chang Chung-chang claims that the Kuominchun forces are now thirty li to the west of Hsuehchow.—Reuter.

THE PRELIMINARY TACTICS.

WUCHOW FEARS ATTACK BY CANTON.

EYES ON HUNAN TROOPS.

The situation in Wuchow, on the West River, is tense, according to a vernacular report. Since a large number of "Ironsides" entered and occupied Lukpo, a city north-west of Shuihing, panic has prevailed among the people, and the Kwangsi Government officials, at Wuchow. Some of the Kwangsi troops there, under General Wang Shao-hung, are said to have retreated to Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi, while a good number of officials of the Wuchow Government have also left for Nanning, following the spreading of the news that the "Ironsides" were coming in great numbers to attack Wuchow.

The consequence of this is that uneasiness is felt by the merchants and there is a considerable decrease in the value of the Kwangsi banknotes. Money is tight in business circles. But despite all these rumours, the city remains quiet.

Wang Ki-cheung at Samshui. General Wang Ki-cheung, the leader of the "Ironsides," arrived at Samshui, on the West River, from Canton on Tuesday, to direct his armies in the various West River districts, in order to attack Wuchow. Wang arrived by train, and was welcomed by a large crowd of his followers at the station.

The Canton Government recently informed the director of the Shekchang Arsenal, in Canton, that he must increase the producing power of all the departments at the Arsenal. The edict added that, in view of the fact that both the West and East Rivers were threatened by the counterattacks of the armies supporting General Li Chai-sum, it was expected that a large quantity of ammunition would be needed to supply the "Ironsides" in the near future.

It is said that additional mechanics and labourers are now employed by the Arsenal, so that work can be carried on day and night.

Generals Fan and Fang.

Two Kwangtung generals, Fan Shek-sang and Fang Ting-ying, who are now on the Hunan border, will be likely to play a dominant part in the coming struggle between the armies supporting Li Chai-sum and those on the side of the "Leftist" Government, says another Chinese report.

It will be recalled that a few months ago, when General Tang Seng-chi, the "Leftist" military ruler who governed Hunan and Hupeh, split with the Nanking Nationalists, General Li Chai-sum, who was the supreme military governor of Kwangtung, sided with the latter. To assist Nanning to effect a speedy defeat of Tang Seng-chi, Li Chai-sum appointed the two generals Fan Shek-sang and Fang Ting-ying to head a big army to attack Tang in Hunan.

Who Will Win Them Over? After the "Ironsides" insurrection at Canton, there was much speculation in the Chinese papers in connexion with allegiance of the said Generals, and despite reports to the contrary, some went so far as to say that they had definitely made up their minds to join hands with the "Ironsides."

These two Generals depended upon the Kwangtung treasury for their financial support, and for this reason alone they may change their affiliation. Two representatives of the Canton Military Council yesterday took a full train load

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1145 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £31 n.
P. and O. £10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$355 b.
Union Ins., \$293 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$120 s.
China Firs, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$640 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$364 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$20 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$24 n.
Kailans, 63/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 183 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.
Raub, \$34 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$123 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents \$4 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 157 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 93 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.10 b.
Orientals, Tls. 14 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.0 s.
H. K. Lands, \$58 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 124 b.
Humphreys, \$131 b.
Realtys, \$740 n.
Territorials, \$14 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$574 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$122 b.
H'kong Electric, \$57 s.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones \$3.90 b.
China Buses, Tls. 4 s.
Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$13 n.
Malabons, \$30 s.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7 s.
United Asbestos \$12s.
Stores &c.

Dairy Farms.

Watsons, \$11 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5 s.
MacKintosh, \$22 s.
Succeres, \$31 n.
Wm Powells, \$5 s.
Miscellaneous.

Amusements.

Amusements, \$19 b.
Constructions, \$12 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 55 1/2 % b.
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of provisions by the Canton-Hankow railway to supply the troops of Fan and Fang at the Hunan border. The same report adds that the units of these two military leaders will soon return from Hunan to Shuihwan, on the North River.

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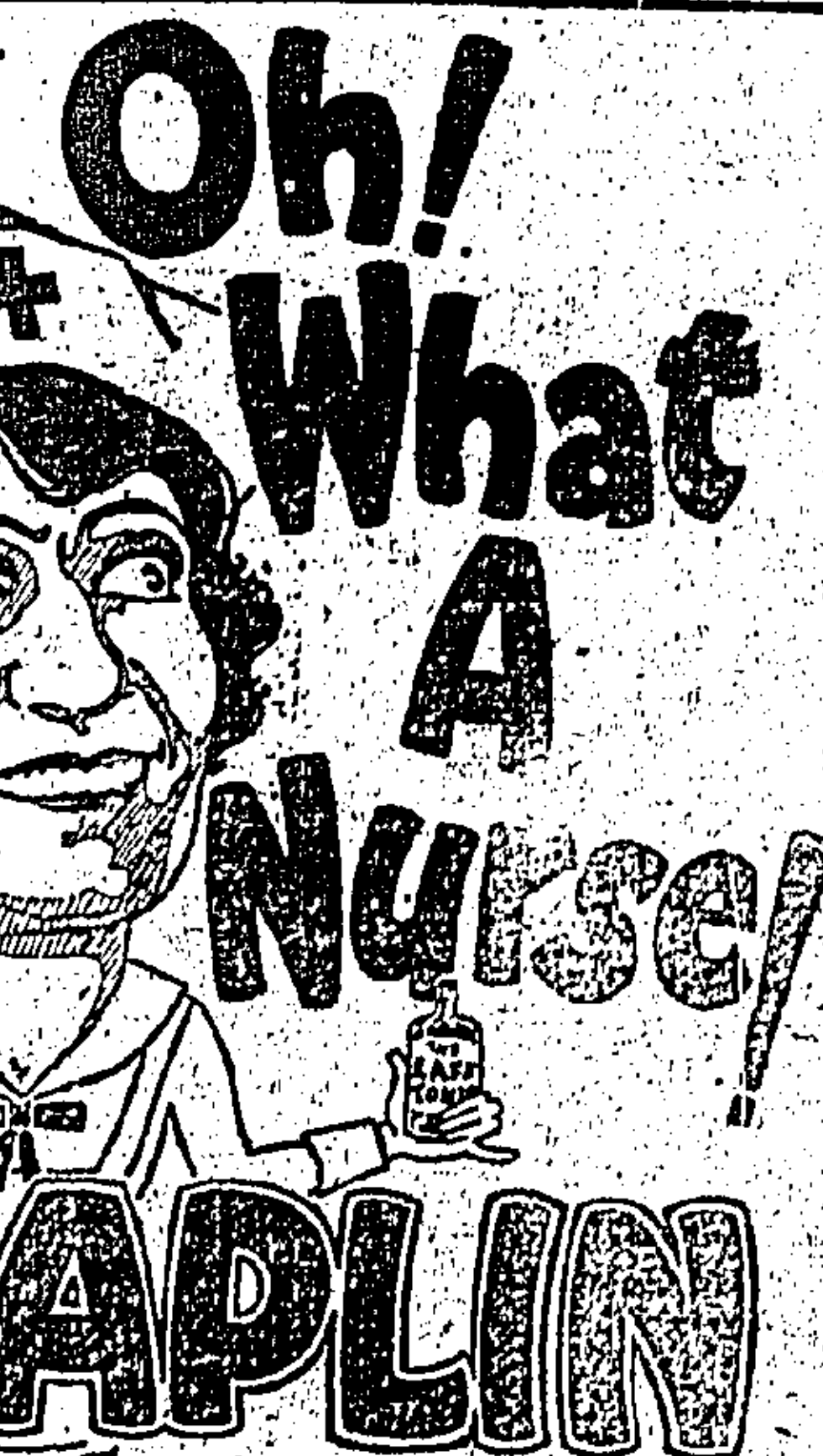
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